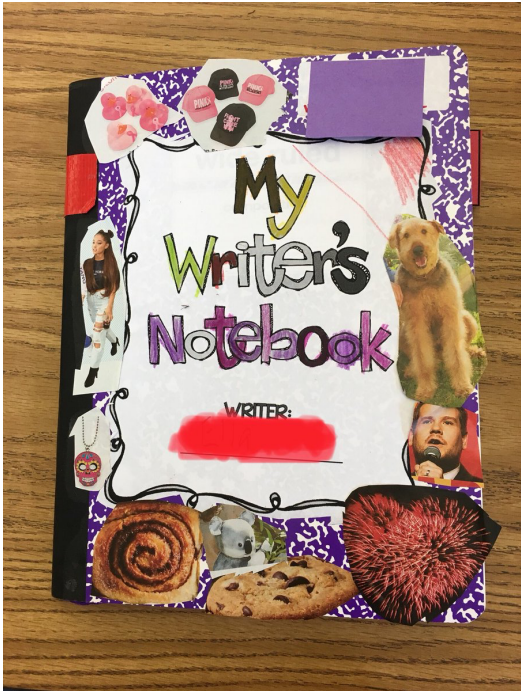


MY WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

Everyone can be a reader and writer.



A writer's notebook is a place where you can write all kinds of things: ideas, questions, thoughts, true stories, invented stories, rough drafts for poems, songs, interesting words, and more.

Keeping a writer's notebook helps you to become a better writer. The more you write, the more your writing will improve.

There is no right or wrong way to keep a writer's notebook. During your daily writing workshop time you will need to have your notebook available. In fact, you might want to take your writer's notebook with you EVERYWHERE! Who knows when an idea will pop into your head that you want to remember.



GATHER MATERIALS

- Notebook from the Dollar store that you like- lined or blank. It doesn't have to be fancy as you can decorate it later.
- Writing and drawing tools: pencil, pen, pencil crayons, or any other tool that you might want to try, such as watercolour, for example..

VIEW, THINK AND WRITE

- Read along with Ish by Peter Reynolds and find out how Ramon filled his notebooks with "ish" drawings and "ish" words. Think about how you might write in an "ish" way in your writer's notebook.
- Read along with The Word Collector, by Peter Reynolds and think about words you might want to collect and record in your notebook.
- Find a quiet spot and write whatever pops into your head that you find interesting: an idea for a story, a memory, a dream, a conversation, character ideas for a story, a poem, a wondering, or a list of favourite words!

Parent/Caregiver Corner

- Encourage your child to write in their writer's notebook daily. Don't worry too much about spelling yet. This is their space to explore their ideas for writing and record their thinking. To learn more about "nudging" your child's development and honouring their approximations, watch [here](#).
- To hear about ways to support your child to become an independent speller watch [here](#).

GO BEYOND

Decorate your notebook with photos, drawings or any craft materials you have around your house.