

MY READER'S NOTEBOOK

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

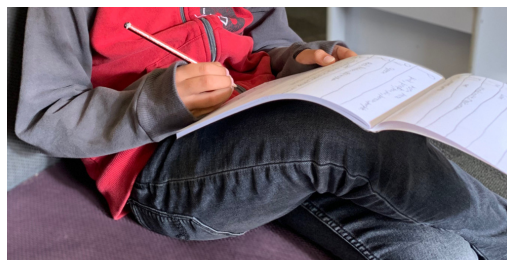
Readers use strategies to make sense of what they read.

Everyone can be a reader and writer.



A reader's notebook is a place where you can record the books you read and write your thoughts about the book. You might write what you enjoyed about the book (or just a part of it), the connections you might have made to a character, questions you might have for the author, or your thinking about the message of the story or book. You'll have many opportunities to record your thinking each week.

Keeping a reader's notebook helps you to become a better reader. The more you read, the more your reading will improve.



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. Or you can make your own (see Bookmaking Invitation #1).
- Writing and drawing tools: pencil, pen, pencil crayons, or any other mark making tool you want to try.

Author and Illustrator Spotlight

PETER REYNOLDS

Read along any of Peter Reynolds' books.
What do you notice about his illustrations?
What do you like about his books?

- [Be You](#)
- [The Word Collector](#)
- [The Dot](#)
- [Sky Color](#)
- [The North Star](#)

READ, THINK, RESPOND

- Find a quiet spot and choose a book that you can read independently from your local library or read online at [Tumblebooks](#), [Storyline](#) or [Stories From Space](#).
- You may even want to reread from your own books at home.
- Try and build your reading time each day. Start with 15 minutes
- In your Reader's Notebook, record the name of the book or books you read.
- Read along with Peter Reynolds as he shares his book [Say Something](#).
- *Say something* about your book and write it in your Reader's notebook next to the title.

GO BEYOND

- Decorate your notebook with photos, drawings or any craft materials you have around your house.
- Read other books by Peter Reynolds.