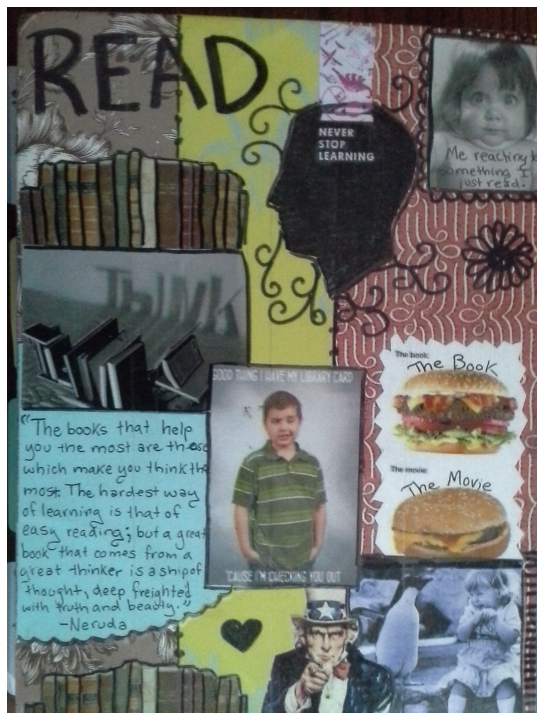# MY READER'S NOTEBOOK

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.
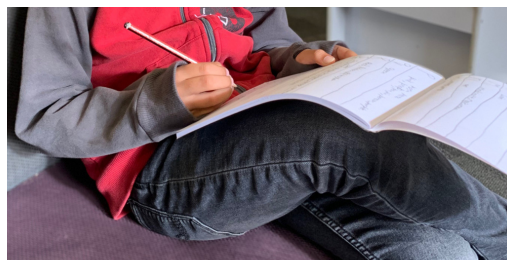*Readers use strategies to make sense of what they read.*
Everyone can be a reader and writer.

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.