

Activities for Shared and Independent Writing

Writing provides children with opportunities to attend to the details and patterns of written words and language structures.

Shared Writing Activities

- Writing story innovations, such as new beginnings or endings for a story
- Transforming stories into plays
- Writing book reviews
- Keeping class response journals
- Making lists
- Writing class letters
- Creating murals with pictures and words
- Dictating stories as a group as the teacher writes them down

Independent Writing Activities

- Keeping a Reader's Notebook or a journal
 - Writing story questions
 - Writing new dialogue for a story
 - Writing a joint review of a story with a peer
 - Creating ABC Word Lists
 - Writing original stories, poems, and song lyrics
 - Making drawings with labels or captions
 - Creating mini-books
 - Using a new story word to write new sentences and rhymes
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