Let Your Imagination Soar!

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Shopping
by Ananda, 4th grade

One day I went shopping at Northlake Mall. I was so excited. I was going to Justice first. I was going to get some new clothes. I was looking for long sleeve shirts. I wanted a shirt with hearts and a peace signs. I also wanted it to be green because that’s my favorite color. I wanted a hat to match the shirt, just to cover my eyes so light won’t shine in my eyes. I kept begging my mom for it and she finally let me buy it which made me feel good.

Things I Like to Do
by Tanna, Kindergarten

I am playing with my friend.

I am riding my scooter. I have a helmet.
Have You Ever Been Scared?
by Lacasa, 3rd grade

Have you ever been scared? My next door neighbor has. Mrs. Geneva is not a Halloween person, but I come over to her house anyways. It was a dark night and I am at my next door neighbor’s house. I am watching TV and Mrs. Geneva went up stairs. Just then she feels something going on her foot. She turned on the light and her husband did a roar!!! She jumped and I ran upstairs and then I said, “Are you okay?” She said yes. My sister came to the house and said we had to go home, so I went in my room and then I ate dinner and took a bath and went to bed.

The Game
by Jordan, 4th grade

Gumball and Darwen are two players. Darwen plays for the Heat and Gumball plays for the Celtics. They are in China playing basket ball.

Gumball will trip Darwen. Darwen will drop the ball. Gumball will shoot and make it. The ref did not see it. Then Gumball cheered, and then they all cheered for Gumball.

Gumball is happy Darwen is sad.

The Lesson: Do not cheat!
100 Presents
by Evelyn, 1st grade

I got a lot of presents. I got one for my mom and dad... a Netflix and my dad's was a case for his phone. My aunt gave me a necklace and my friend gave me a writing pad. Then the hole family had to hold a little puppet and it has a number on it. Then they call your name and you choose a present. Next I got my cousin's present. It was a hot chocolate. I tasted it at home and it tasted so good.
One Day at the Stone Mountain
by A.J., 1st grade

On Saturday I went to Stone Mountain. I went with my mommy and daddy. On the way there I said how much more minutes long. Finally we were there. Then I checked the room. It was not clean. So we went to the Stone Mountain park. At the park I saw the monument on the mountain.

Holding Nana’s Hand
by Emon, Kindergarten

I’m holding Nana’s hand so she don’t get lost.
My Week in Florida

by Lauryn
5th grade

My Week in Florida
Some parts are true!!!

By: Lauryn

Epilogue
I love Florida. This was a tradition in our family to go to Florida every year. And even sometimes twice a year. This is a very fun trip we go on. We go to the beach to but that’s not really one of the traditions. Oh let me show all my and get to MORE!!!

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Ok, it’s the first day and it’s very early in the morning. It’s 4:00 AM. We are going to be driving all day, but we are going to stop at Shonny’s to get some warm breakfast. It’s time to take a break from driving. Who would want to be driving all day for nine hours?

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So we’ve been driving for about 5 hours and we’re in Georgia. And we’re about to stop and get breakfast. I just can’t wait!!! The Shonny’s place is so cool; they have this mini arcade in the lobby.

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So we are getting our receipt and about to hit the road. And I’m not ready to leave, but at least I have my Nintendo D.S.I. XL, so that will keep my blood working. Of course I need electronics!!!

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So we've got three more hours to get there that's good news. So I was playing my DS. I was playing my DS. I was driving my bus. And one of my favorite songs came on by Katy Perry E.T. I love that song.

So we are in Florida but not in Orlando yet. Oh I'm seeing all this different stuff it's like I'm in paradise but I am. Everyone loves Florida if you don't you are going even for coconut water. Because my whole family loves Florida.

We are finally here. I see gift shops and sea food restaurants and everything. It's so cool!!! I loved this place the best you see I am so excited about this!!! I am screaming to the top of my lungs!!

So we are finally at the hotel. And it's very cool. And it's huge. It's so big that it has 4 towers, two on ocean side and two on the city side. Because it's a timeshare.

We are in the hotel. It is so cool. I love these Disney World, Magic Kingdom, ect. Universal Studios. These brochures are amazing!!! They have you want to go there even though it cost almost $350 a person.

The best roller coaster is the best food! The coolest stuff!!

So they gave us a key and we went to the room. We are going to stay on the 4th floor. Monday is the 2nd highest floor!!! This will probably be the best family trip we've been on.
The Best Weekend Ever!!!
by Travon, 3rd grade

I am so excited to be going somewhere special, and I can bring my best friend. I'm going to have a good time and we might have a sleepover. I am so glad. My mom is taking us somewhere special.

My friend's name is Jonathon and he has a brother named Brandon. We hang out a lot. We might go to Dave and Busters! I love that place. It has a lot of games and prizes! I will go to Ray's Splash Planet. It's so fun I can't wait to go.
The Ninja

by Christian
4th grade

One day the ninja went to New York City. He jumped wall to wall to get there.

The Ninja!

No one knows the ninja’s name. But he’s awesome!!!!

The ninja is so cool. Every time he looks at a bad guy they die.

One day the ninja went.... Spider-man!

Spider-man had a bad day. So was the ninja. They showed up to argue then they fought the ninja won.

Next they showed there faces. Spider-man was Peter Parker. And the ninja was Sam!
So You Want to Write?

Here are some ideas to help you get started with your own writing.

12½ Writing Rules You’ll Ever Need

1. If you write every day, you get better at writing every day.
2. If it’s boring to you, it’s boring to your reader.
3. Get a writing routine, and stick with it.
4. Poetry does NOT have to rhyme. Poetry does not NOT have to rhyme.
5. Resist stereotypes, in real life and in your writing.
6. Writers read. Writers read a lot. Writers read all the time.
7. Make lists of your favorite words and books and places and things.
8. There doesn’t always have to be a moral to the story.
11. Don’t settle on just one style. Try something new!
12. Learn to tell both sides of the story.
12½. Stop looking at this poster. Write something!

Five Finger Retelling: Try telling your story across your fingers to a family member or friend. This is a great way to plan your story.
My Heart Map…use the list of things below ("What Can I Write About?") for ideas of things to write about. Choose one and write about it. You can use the heart map or any piece of paper.

What Can I Write About?

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<td>Food</td>
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<td>Pets</td>
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<td>Recess</td>
<td>Cars</td>
<td>When I Grow Up</td>
<td>Me</td>
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What do you wonder about?

Draw a thought bubble to help you create a list of things you might want to write about.

Open Mind Writing
### What Can I Write About?

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<th>Poetry</th>
<th>Nonfiction</th>
<th>Realistic fiction</th>
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<td>Short story with made up characters that usually has a happy ending.</td>
<td>Something written to inspire thought, feelings, or emotions.</td>
<td>Writing based on facts and true events.</td>
<td>Untrue stories that could actually happen (but haven’t).</td>
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<td>A story that describes a sequence of events – can be fiction or nonfiction.</td>
<td>Autobiography personal memory.</td>
<td>Trying to convince the reader to feel a certain way or change their thinking.</td>
<td>Untrue stories with real and made-up characters that takes place during a historical time.</td>
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