

April Writing Prompts

More Quick Writing Prompts

These prompts are perfect for your students' writing journals, morning work, or if you unexpectedly need a plan for a substitute teacher.

Noteworthy Days

Use holidays and historical dates to kick-start writing.

- On April 20, 1933, Amelia Earhart took First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt on a flight. If you could do something exciting with someone famous, what would you do and with who? Write an invitation to give to the famous person. Be sure to explain what you will be doing and when.
 - April 22 is Earth Day. Write a list of 10 things you could do to help the Earth. What is the most important thing you could do?
 - Administrative Professionals' Day is celebrated in April. Make a greeting card for your school secretary or administrator thanking this person for all they do to help your school run smoothly.
 - The third Monday in April is Patriots' Day. Patriots' Day commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. It also honors the midnight ride of Paul Revere when he rode through town warning the colonists that the Red Coats were coming! If Paul Revere had to warn people of this impending danger today, how do you think he would do it? Research Revere's ride and rewrite the events of that night as if they happened in this day and age.
- You've probably heard the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." What would happen if it actually did rain cats and dogs? Write and illustrate a story about the day it rained cats and dogs.
 - Scientists can study weather, plants, computers, animals, and many other things. If you were a scientist, what would you study? Why?
 - It's getting close to the end of the school year. A new student has just moved in next door. This new neighbor is in your grade! What advice would you give this person? Write a letter or email with tips about school, places to go, and things to do in our city or town.
 - Lots of things grow on trees such as fruits, cocoa beans, and nuts. My mother used to tell me money didn't grow on trees when I wanted a costly item. What if you could plant a tree to grow anything you wanted? Draw a picture of your tree and then describe it.
 - Write a story about an egg that hatches something surprising. Give your story an exciting beginning. Example: At last, a tapping sound came from inside the egg. Everyone watched and waited. Finally, there was a loud crack, and...
 - What wish do you have for our world? Would you like cleaner air? More trees? Better places for animals to live? Explain how you can help make your wish come true.
 - Imagine you could interview Mother Nature. Write five questions you would ask. Then choose one question and write what her answer might be.