

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