April Writing Prompts

- April is National Poetry Month. Post a short poem on your board every day and encourage students to write different styles of poetry throughout the month.

- For many schools, Spring Break falls at the beginning of this month. Do you think your school should take a week off for this break or get out of school a week earlier? In a paragraph, take a stand and provide supporting details.

- April 1 is April Fool's Day. Write about a time you played a joke on someone, or someone played a joke on you. Remember to use descriptive details.

- April 2 is International Children's Book Day. What is your favorite book of all time? Write and act out a commercial advertising this book. If the technology is available, film your commercial and share with the class.

- On April 3, 1892 the first ice cream sundae was served at a soda shop in Ithaca, New York when the owner of the shop added sweet syrup to a scoop of vanilla ice cream and decorated it with a cherry. Think of a delicious dessert that you would like to create. Draw a picture of your new dessert then write a paragraph describing what your dessert is made of. How does your creation look, taste, smell?

- 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 that explains what you will be doing and when.

- The third Monday in April is Patriot's Day. Patriot's Day commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. It also honors the midnight ride of Paul Revere when Revere rode through town warning the colonists that, The Red Coats are 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.

Quick Writing Prompts

- 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 to the house next door and he is in your grade! What advice would you give this person? Write a letter or email giving your new neighbor 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? Tell 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.