

Adopt-a-Dog Journal



Name _____



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Instructions: Make dog nametags by writing names on round paper keychain labels (I found a neat pawprint stamp and put a paw on the back of each tag). Students pull a nametag out of a hat. Read them their dog's name, gender and how they got their name. Or, if you have enough plush dogs, attach the nametags to the dogs with some yarn for a collar and pass out dogs. You could also use a few dogs and have partners/groups share one or just use a "class" dog. After students "adopt" their dog, decide if they will write *to* their dog or *pretend to be the dog* and write in the journal *as* the dog.

Bear: M, rounded ears, looks like a bear, often growls like a bear

Kodak: F, somehow knows how to pose for the camera

Achilles: M, strongest, his ankles are ticklish

Noodle: F, skinny, like spaghetti

Casperella : F, white as a ghost

Dane: M, somehow gets other dogs to bark/laugh (comedian)

Degas: M, makes mushing feel like art; very graceful

Epic: M, a true hero

Cheetah: M, runs the fastest out of the whole group

Luna: F, howls like a wolf when the moon is out

Mendenhall: M, mighty, like the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau

Justice: F, ruler, judge of dogfights, decides who is right/wrong

Roo: F, when playing in the snow, hops around like a kangaroo

Juneau: F, loves sitting in the rain (Juneau is in a coastal rainforest)

Mohave: F, cold doesn't seem to bother her

Movado: F, always seems to know what time it is (when to get up)

Pepper: F, black and white, sneezes like crazy when sees the sun
Porkchop: M, stole a plate of porkchops during a picnic

Tuck: M, everlasting amount of energy

Ragu: M, best friends with Noodle

Romeo: M, handsome boy, came with Juliet

Juliet: F, beautiful girl, came with Romeo

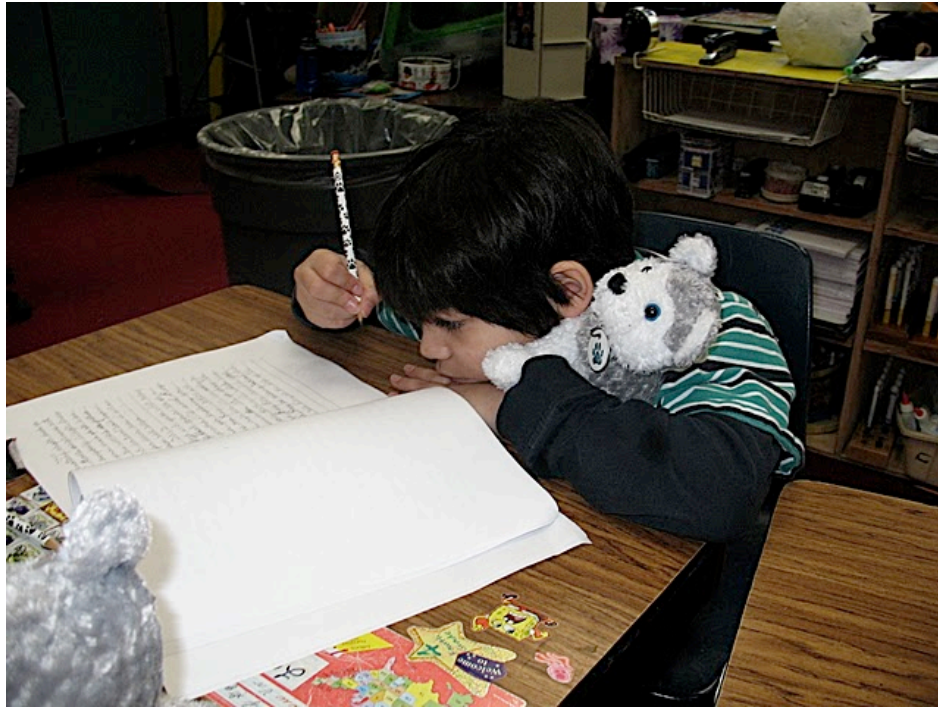
Samurai: M, dressed in black like a ninja, stealthy

Toad: M. funny looking, but everyone loves him

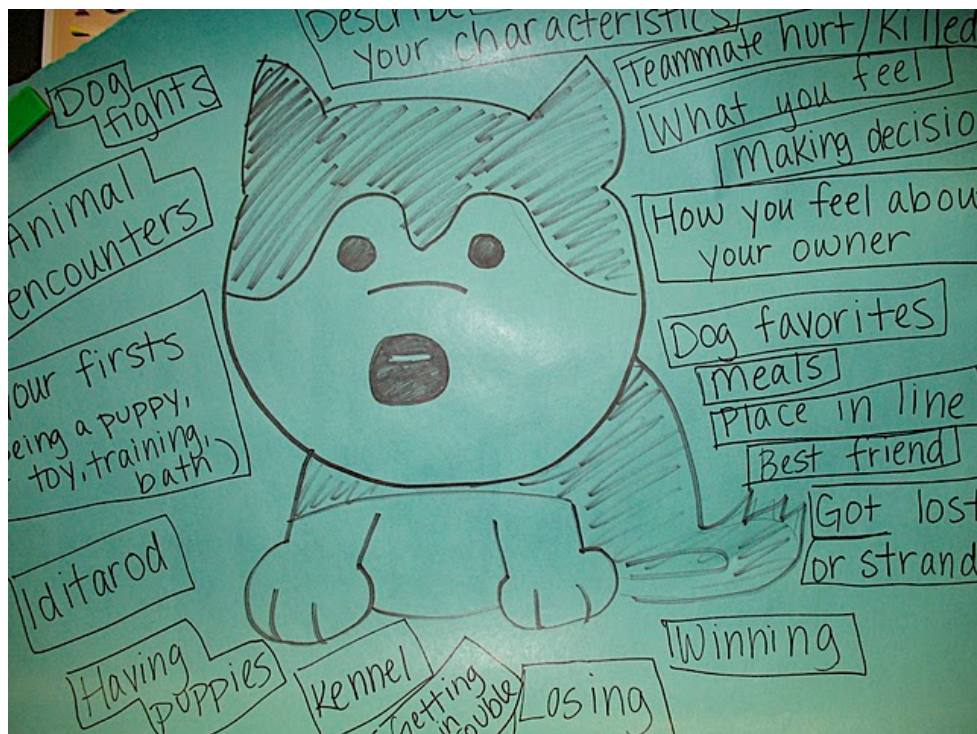
Unagi: F, can slither in and out of the tiniest places like an eel

Waldo: M. always missing/gets loose (where's Waldo?)

Turtle: M, hides head when curling up and sleeping



A student cuddling his dog while writing.



A brainstorm poster for journal writing ideas/topics.