DISCOVERING YOUR INNER WRITER

It is important to encourage students to use their imaginations boldly and to write about ideas and wonderings that are meaningful to their own lives. Below is a list of prompts and brainstorming activities to support students in their thinking and writing ideas.

PROMPTS • SENTENCE STARTERS TO GET KIDS THINKING

• Tell a story about what is happening in this picture…
• Write about a moment that made you happy / scared / surprised…
• Describe a place that is important to you / you like to visit…
• Picture an imaginary experience you wish you could have…
• Tell a story about someone you love…
• Observe and then describe what you see…

BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITIES • FINDING INSPIRATION

• Set up a “Wonderings” bulletin board where children can post their most recent wonderings
• Have students bring in pictures or items that hold special memories
• Ask students to think about their favorite things: stuffed animals, games, colors
• Make a list of favorite read aloud books
• Write down all the things you know about dogs / the ocean / springtime…
• Survey friends or family about a question / wondering you have
Tell a story about a time that you were (happy / scared / surprised / excited). Use details in your drawing to show your feelings.