

Dear Parents of Incoming 6th graders,

As you know, we use a writer's notebook for our writing program.

In anticipation of next year, we are asking your child to complete an assignment over the summer.

**Please have your child decorate his/her hard-covered black and white writer's notebook. As in the past, they can use photographs, magazines, newspapers, or the computer.**

If possible, you can cover the outside with clear contact paper or clear packaging tape to preserve and protect it.

**\* Please have your child bring the completed notebook on the first day of school.\***

Thanks for your cooperation.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Enjoy your summer!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers

**\*\* On the back is a list of ideas if you child would like to start some entries in their journals. Entries can be full stories, or just a few thoughts jotted down.\*\***

*Ideas for Writing*

1. If I could become invisible...
2. This is my father's/mother's job.
3. Reasons why people lie.
4. The meaning of "freedom."
5. I will tell you a story that is only half true.
6. Why do nations wage wars?
7. There will be peace on earth only when...
8. I have something to tell you, teacher.
9. Did you know that...?
10. The scariest thing that ever happened to me.
11. I once had a scary dream.
12. The strangest dream I ever had.
13. I get scared when...
14. I wish that I could...
15. I am happy when...
16. I am sad when...
17. The things that get me upset.
18. My favorite subject.
19. My least favorite subject.
20. I just can't seem to get along with anyone.
21. The things that bug me.
22. Why is it that...?
23. This is my family.
24. When I grow up.
25. Our most interesting substitute teacher.
26. My most embarrassing moment.
27. I watch too much television.
28. The most interesting place that I have ever visited.
29. What I would do if I were rich.
30. My three wishes.
31. What I think about gambling.
32. My best friend.
33. Friendship is...
34. Why I think friendships are important
35. This is my home.
36. I play a musical instrument.
37. My experience at the hospital.
38. Things that I like about our school.
39. Things that I don't like about our school.
40. This is my favorite sport.
41. I would like to tell you about my class.
42. These are some things that I do very well.
43. The proudest moment of my life.
44. The saddest moment of my life.
45. The happiest moment of my life.
46. My accomplishments.
47. Why I like animals.
48. My favorite movie.
49. My favorite television show.
50. My fondest school memory.
51. The person that I admire.
52. The most interesting person that I have ever met.
53. The biggest mess that I ever got myself into.
54. My fondest childhood memory.
55. This is my hobby.
56. My biggest goal in life.
57. Things are not going well for me right now.
58. My parents.
59. My religion.
60. My first flight.
61. I like..., and these are the reasons why.
62. I very much dislike..., because...
63. What I think about vandalism, drugs and smoking.
64. Ways in which troubled kids can be helped.
65. Reasons why people argue.
66. The best book that I ever read.
67. This book was really bad.
68. I often get frustrated.
69. Dear teacher, I would like to ask you some questions.
70. Dear teacher, there is something that you need to know.
71. When I turn 16.
72. When I become an adult this is what I will be like.
73. My future wife.
74. My future husband.
75. If I could change the world, I would do the following.
76. My wish.
77. The present that I would like to receive.
78. Qualities that I look for in a friend.
79. The greatest summer ever.
80. The greatest vacation ever.
81. I like cars.
82. My favorite and least liked foods.
83. I have a disability.
84. When I take a long look in the mirror this is what I see.
85. What I would like to do when I get older.
86. How the problem of hunger can be solved.
87. The problem of crime can be eliminated by...
88. If I could live anywhere in the world it would be...
89. Music is an important part of my life.
90. Why are so many people selfish, greedy and unfriendly?
91. Things that I like doing.
92. The things that really bother me.
93. My favorite music group.