

Summer Writing Ideas



Keep a writer's notebook/journal over the summer. Be sure to keep special items you collect over the summer, such as postcards, tickets, brochures.

Write descriptive clues for a **treasure hunt** game with your friends. Be sure they are in logical order.

Write yourself a letter outlining **goals** that you would like to set for yourself in the coming school year. Ask someone (parent, teacher) to give you the letter at the end of the year.

Write a **family tree**. Ask your family members to help you research relatives. You could create a Microsoft Word document by inserting shapes and pictures.

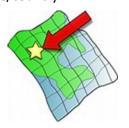
Send a **note to a special person**. This could be a teacher, principal, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, cousin, etc. Remember to write details about your summer and ask some questions for them to respond to when they write back.

Take pictures of a **special event** over the summer, such as a baseball game, party, or concert.
Sequence the pictures using numbers. Then write a short story with a good beginning, middle, and end. You could glue the pictures in a journal or create a PowerPoint.

Write a description of something you ate this week without mentioning the actual food. After writing it, give the description to someone to guess the food. Remember to use sensory details and descriptive adjectives.

Write a movie review.
Remember to write a short/simple summary that includes important facts about the movie.
Then, provide your opinion of the movie. You could create a PowerPoint that includes a hyperlink to the movie trailer and also insert Google images!

Write a **friendly letter** to a family member who lives out of state. Ask for maps, tourism guides, etc. to learn about the state/country.



Make a **Vacation Photo Essay** Scrapbook or
PowerPoint.

- 1. Take pictures from vacation.
- Write a short essay under each picture describing the picture.
- 3. Make a scrapbook with the pictures and essays.
- 4. Share with your new teacher and friends!

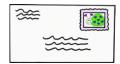
Write a "How-to" for something you enjoyed over your summer. For example, how to build a sandcastle, ride a wave, cook a meal, or engage in a sports activity. After you write about it, you could have a friend video tape you actually doing the activity! Create a PowerPoint that includes your writing and video.

Conduct an **interview** and publish it. You can videotape it, create a PowerPoint with photos, or type it on Microsoft Word.



"Write" a picture by describing it in written language. Think about a written "visualization" – use sensory details, descriptive adjectives, similes, onomatopoeia, and alliteration. Show. Don't tell!

Write to a **pen pal**. This could be a friend from class, out of school, or a family member who doesn't live with you!



Write to a **friend** each week. Ask them lots of questions and tell about your summer. You can write a letter or type it and include clipart, images, or a photograph of you.

Write **yourself** a letter. Date your letter and ask someone to send it to you in a year!

Think of a place that you visited or a special event that happened to you. Write an advertisement that would make people want to visit your place or have an event like you did. Use illustrations along with your writing. Remember persuasive sentence starters to make the reader want to visit!

Write a persuasive letter to your mom or dad, persuading him/her to give you something you really want. Remember persuasive sentence starters...

- o I strongly believe...
- o In my opinion...
- o I strongly feel that...
- o I urge you to...

Jazz up a grocery list. Add juicy color words and awesome adjectives. You can type up the list on Microsoft Word and even include some pictures to go along with the food. For example...

- Fire engine red, juicy plum tomatoes
- Tender, mouthwatering steaks

Create a **brochure** about a special place you visited over the summer urging people to visit to that place.

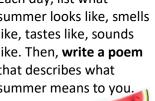


Visit websites, such as StoryBird or www.readwritethink.org, that allow students to publish stories.



Keep a daily or weekly **summer journal** of all the places, friends, or relatives you visited. Include pictures in your entries of special places or events.

Each day, list what summer looks like, smells like, tastes like, sounds like. Then, write a poem that describes what summer means to you.



Write **ten questions** you want to ask your teacher on the first day of school.



Research a fun nonfiction topic that interests you (animal, place, person, etc.). Create a PowerPoint or video about the subject or write a summary about what you learned. Be sure to include photos and maybe even a hyperlink to a video!

Write a **family journal**. Each family member writes an entry and passes it to another family member.



Write a book recommendation and use PowerPoint or record a video of your recommendation. Write about the characters, setting, events, and include a reader's thought about the book. Also give it a star rating.

Write a "To-do" list for your parents. Ask them what they need done and create a list on the computer using bullet points and inserting clip art that relates to the list.

