

# Create a Summer Journal



Use the ideas listed or create some of your own. Try writing some of your journal entries in cursive. Complete at least one a week and then come see me during the first week of school. I will have a special prize for you. I hope you enjoy journaling.

| Date          | Task for Today   |
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| <b>Week 1</b> |  |
| June 23       | You have just finished third grade. Write ten questions that you could ask a grandparent about his/her third grade experience. (ex. What was your favorite lunch food?)          |
| June 24       | What was your favorite thing you studied in third grade? Write a paragraph about it.   |
| June 25       | Draw a beverage can invention that can be used to catch mosquitoes. Write four sentences to describe it.   |
| June 26       | Draw a time line from the year 2000 to the year 3000 with one hundred-year intervals. Write one sentence at each interval (2100, 2200, 2300, etc.) to predict future happenings. |
| June 27       | Make a word list of ten things to do in the summer. Now use these words to make a word search. Have a friend or family member solve the puzzle.                                  |
| June 28       | Write the words "summer vacation" at the top of your journal page. Now write fifteen words from the letters in "summer vacation." (ex. master, Sam, action)                      |
| June 29       | Draw three animals you have seen in the wild this summer. Write a descriptive paragraph about one of them.   |



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| <b>Week 2</b> |   |
| June 30       | Write six questions you would need to ask if you were planning to make a reservation for a trip on an airplane. (ex. What kind of food will be served on this flight?)  |
| July 1        | Plan a picnic menu using ten special foods you eat during the summer. Now make a shopping list of what you would need to buy at the grocery store if you were going to serve these foods at your picnic. (ex. hot dogs = buns, hot dogs, catsup, mustard, relish) |
| July 2        | You have decided to sell your bike. Write a newspaper ad about it. Be sure to include all the things a perspective buyer might need to know about your bike.  |
| July 3        | Write five questions you would ask someone your age who lives in China, and five questions you think they might ask you.  |



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| July 4 | When you were younger, what was your favorite bedtime story? Explain why you liked it so much.   |
| July 5 | In the poem “If I Were King” by A. A. Milne, Christopher Robin says,<br>“I often wish I were a King,<br>And then I could do anything.”<br>Write five sentences telling things you could do if you were king or queen of your own country. Write five sentences telling things you could not do if you were king or queen of your own country. Include the word because in your sentences. (ex. If I was a queen, I could not drive my own car, <i>because</i> it would be a limousine and way too complicated for me.) |
| July 6 | Tell in eight to ten steps how to do something (wash a car, make a bed, cut the lawn, weed a flower bed, etc.).  |

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| Week 3  |  |
| July 7  | Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!! Write a paragraph about why you love living in the USA.  |
| July 8  | Write four safety rules for using fireworks. Now watch the people you know who use fireworks on Independence Day. Did they follow your rules or break them?  |
| July 9  | Create a birthday invitation for your next birthday. Then list the people you would want to invite.  |
| July 10 | Design and draw the floor plan for the perfect tree house. Write five sentences that tell about it.  |
| July 11 | Make a list of ten things you can do without spending a cent. Put a star in front of the one you do most often. Put a smiley face in front of the one you want to do tomorrow. Put a check mark in front of the one you want to do with your best friend.                  |
| July 12 | May I...? Write ten questions starting with “May I...” that you could ask a friend or family member. (ex. May I get a pet boa constrictor for the empty aquarium in my bedroom?)   |
| July 13 | Write about an imaginary July vacation. Where would you go and who would go with you? What sights would you see? How much money would you need/spend? How would you travel to your destination? Add other ideas of your own by answering other questions about this topic. |

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| Week 4  |   |
| July 14 | Design a bumper sticker for your perfect July vacation spot. Be sure to include the location and a slogan.  |
| July 15 | Are you the oldest, youngest, in-between, or only child in your family? Write four things that you like and four things you dislike about your position in your family. |

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| July 16 | Draw a picture of yourself playing your favorite sport or game. Now write about how to play it.   |
| July 17 | Think about the message on your answering machine. Write a new one that is catchy and fun!  |
| July 18 | It is twelve years in the future. Draw yourself and your surroundings. Now write about it.  |
| July 19 | A child your age ran up to you and asked for help. The child couldn't remember who he/she was or where he lived. Complete the story.  |
| July 20 | The circus is giving away pet elephants. Write a letter to your parents to convince them to let you have an elephant. Be sure to include why you want it and promises about how you will care for it. |
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| Week 5  |   |
| July 21 | Dear Abby,<br>I have a problem (real or imaginary)... Write a letter to Abby asking for advice.   |
| July 22 | Now make believe you are Abby. Write back to yourself and give yourself the advice that solves your problem.  |
| July 23 | In your own words, rewrite a paragraph from a book.   |
| July 24 | Make a grocery list your parents can use when they go grocery shopping this week.   |
| July 25 | If you could change three things in the world, what would they be? Be sure to include the word <i>because</i> in each sentence.   |
| July 26 | Now choose one of the things you would change, and brainstorm five ideas that make this change possible.  |
| July 27 | Draw a floor plan of your bedroom. Write a paragraph to tell about it. Now write a second paragraph telling what changes you would like to make.  |

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| Week 6  |   |
| July 28 | Draw your favorite animal. Write five questions you would ask, and the answers your favorite animal might give.   |
| July 29 | Write one word that describes you next to each letter in your first, middle, and last name. (ex. C-confident<br>O-original blond<br>N-noisy, at times<br>N-nifty golf clubs<br>I-interesting<br>E-exciting) |
| July 30 | You own a store! Name your store, tell its location, describe the building, describe the inside, and tell about what you sell.  |
| July 31 | You are trapped in the attic. Make a list of four ways you will   |



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|                  | <b>get the help you need in order to get out of the attic.</b>   |
| <b>August 1</b>  | <b>Write a TV commercial for a new item (food, toy, game, etc.) (ex. Vilbas Golf Balls are just what you need to improve your golf score! These golf balls only land in the fairway, never the sand, rough, or water. They will extend your hit by twenty yards, and they will always go in the hole, never past it. They come in a variety of colors and patterns, even striped. They are only fifteen dollars for a box of twenty. Stop at any pro shop to get the perfect golf ball for you...Connie Golf Balls.)</b> |
| <b>August 2</b>  | <b>Choose another country. Write ten things you know about it. (ex. 1. Mexico is south of the United States. 2. In Mexico, the people speak Spanish. 3. The Gulf of Mexico is east of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean is west of Mexico.)</b>   |
| <b>August 3</b>  | <b>Use the melody from “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” and write new words. (ex. Teaching is a good career,<br/>Children make you laugh and cheer,<br/>Schoolwork keeps you busy at night,<br/>Bulletin boards can be a fright,<br/>Teaching is a good career,<br/>Children make you laugh and cheer.)</b>   |
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| <b>Week 7</b>    |  |
| <b>August 4</b>  | <b>Write ten acronyms and tell what they mean. (ex. F.B.I.=Federal Bureau of Investigation, NFL=National Football League)</b>  |
| <b>August 5</b>  | <b>Write five tongue twisters using five different letters of the alphabet. (ex. 1. Millie Mouse makes many marvelous meals.)</b>  |
| <b>August 6</b>  | <b>Make a list of colors. Ask others to add to your list. Can you find fifty?</b>  |
| <b>August 7</b>  | <b>Write these six words in your journal: siren, screech, lights, flash, swerve, brakes. Now add six more words to the list. Write a story including all these words and a beginning, middle, and end.</b>   |
| <b>August 8</b>  | <b>Copy your favorite poem. Illustrate it.</b>   |
| <b>August 9</b>  | <b>Write a letter to your best friend who is moving. (ex. Dear Jeanne,<br/>I am going to miss you so much, but I know you will like your new home in Oshkosh. I can’t wait until I can come to visit you! etc.)</b>  |
| <b>August 10</b> | <b>Describe a police car without using the words “police car.” Read your description to a friend or relative and see if they can guess what you described.</b>   |
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| <b>Week 8</b>    |  |
| <b>August 11</b> | <b>Make a list of proper nouns (who or what words that begin with</b>  |

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|           | <p>a capital letter). Make your list as long as you can.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doyle Elementary School</li> <li>2. Blockbuster</li> <li>3. Chevrolet</li> <li>4. Mississippi River</li> </ol>               |
| August 12 | Write about a new subject for school. Tell about it. (ex. In school this year, you will be learning about origami. Origami is the art of paper folding. You can use plain paper or paper with a design or pattern. You begin by...) |
| August 13 | Write six rules everyone should follow to be a good friend. Illustrate one of them.   |
| August 14 | Write six rules every fourth grader should follow on the playground. Illustrate one of your rules.  |
| August 15 | Write six rules every fourth grader should know about school fire drills. Illustrate one of your rules.   |
| August 16 | If happiness were a pizza, what would the toppings be? Draw a pizza, add toppings, and write four sentences to describe it.   |
| August 17 | What is your favorite time of the day? Describe why you like that time?   |

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| Week 9    |   |
| August 18 | Draw a picture of your dream house. Describe it in a paragraph.   |
| August 19 | What are three things you miss about school? What are three things you will miss about summer? Describe them.                     |
| August 20 | Draw a picture of an alien. Describe it in a paragraph  |
| August 21 | What would you like to be when you grow up? Draw a picture of you 30 years from now and write a paragraph describing your career. |
| August 22 | What are six things you would like your new teacher to know about you? Write them.  |
| August 23 | What are six questions you would like to ask your new teacher? Write them.  |
| August 24 | What was your favorite thing you did this summer? Write a paragraph about it.   |
| Week 10   | Last week of summer!! Take the week off from writing. I can't wait to read your journal.  |

