

The Writer's Notebook

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student,

We are about to embark on a very exciting year with writing. In order to make our writing grow from our lives we need a place to store the "seeds." In class, we will be discussing the aspect of a Writer's Notebook. The "Notebook" is a place to record memories, family stories, traditions, dreams, quotations, descriptive phrases, wondrous words, and more.

Therefore, we are asking the students to purchase a Writer's Notebook. This is not just any notebook, though. It is not the kind you normally think of when you hear the word "notebook." It should be sturdy, in that it will be taken back and forth from school and home, and perhaps several other places. You can find a Writer's Notebook (which may be known as a journal to others) at any bookstore or multi-purpose store like Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar Tree, Staples, and K-Mart. They are usually around the stationary section. To quote a character from Jean Little's *Hey World Here I Am*, "Getting a notebook is like buying shoes. You have to find the one that fits. And you are the only person who can tell if it pinches."

Your bound notebook (no binders or loose leaf paper) can be any color. We will be recording our rough drafts, revisions, and memorable moments in it throughout the year, so it should be "built to last!" You need to be comfortable writing in your new notebook. This book is yours and should reflect your wants, needs, interests, and personality. We encourage you to decorate your Writer's Notebook using drawings and pictures to create a personalized collage. Covering your masterpiece with clear contact paper for protection is requested. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Please have the notebook in school on or as close to our first day back as possible. Good luck in finding/ creating just the right one!

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team