Dear Family, Your child is learning to keep a writer’s notebook for keeping track of ideas for his or her writing.

Good writers keep journals to record ideas. You can keep a journal to write down what is important to you or changes that happen to you. By writing down your ideas, you understand them better.

- Ask your family to help you make or buy a notebook.
- Decorate your notebook in a special way so that it looks and feels different from other notebooks you use in school.
- Take time every day to write down your thoughts or to describe things that happen to you.
- Use your writer’s notebook to come up with topics for writing at home or in school.
- Share your writer’s notebook with your family if you wish.

Child’s name ____________________________________________

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Parent’s (Learning Partner’s) signature ____________________

3/Produces a Variety of Written Works - Writer’s Notebook/1
Dear Family, Your child is learning to keep a writer’s notebook. Here are some ways to use a writer’s notebook.

- Look for and write down ideas for writing on the way home from school, at home, or in places you visit.
- Look for interesting topics as you read books.
- Write down your reactions to books or stories you read.
- Copy favorite parts from a book you are reading or the words to a favorite poem or song.
- Write down interesting words and expressions you hear.
- Write family stories.
- Describe things you notice during the day.
- Write down memories you have.
- Make lists of things (birds, trees, kinds of stories, etc).
- Express your opinions about something important to you.
- Write down plans you have.
- Write down questions you have or things you wonder about.

Child’s signature

Parent’s (Learning Partner’s) signature