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The "summer slide" is when children particularly those from disadvantaged families lose skills learned during the school year. For many children, learning slows way down or even stops during the summer months. Poorer families often miss out on the opportunities that many wealthier families take for granted: enrichment camps, lots of books at home, regular visits to the library and museums, and family road trips that immerse young minds in new experiences. This lack of learning opportunities can have devastating long-term effects. Why does summer reading matter so much? Research has consistently shown that summer reading loss is one of the most significant causes of the achievement gap between poorer and wealthier students. On average, low-income students lose more than two months of reading achievement over the summer months, versus slight gains made by middle-class students. Over time, the losses accumulate to contribute significantly to the huge achievement gap between poorer and wealthier students. By sixth grade, the cumulative effect of summer reading loss creates a gap of 18 months or more between struggling and proficient readers. Children who start off behind tend to stay behind performing poorly in middle and high school and dropping out of high school at alarmingly high rates. Over time, this summer reading loss accounts for about two-thirds of the gap between low-income students and their wealthier peers. This gap has grown roughly 30 to 40 percent larger among children born in 2001 than among those born twenty-five years earlier. This infographic from the National Summer Learning Association illustrates the problem and how good summer programs can prevent or reduce summer learning loss: Preventing the summer slide With the achievement gap between children from high- and low-income families already growing over the past few decades, it is more important than ever for parents and organizations working with low-income children to provide meaningful summer learning opportunities for children. Start with a Book is designed to help address summer learning loss. The website provides parents, librarians, youth program leaders, and community groups a wide range of free and low-cost resources to help ensure that kids keep learning and exploring during the summer months and beyond. By engaging children in literacy activities over the summer, we give them opportunities to build background knowledge, deepen vocabulary, improve reading fluency and be ready in the fall for a successful school year. Pick up a book! In delivering the keynote at the National Summer Learning Day Fair held at the U.S. Department of Education in June 2014, former First Lady Michelle Obama said: So as you're not picking up a book, and all you're doing all summer long is sitting on the couch and catching up on TV shows, then I guarantee that you're going to lose some ground next year in school. And that won't just make a difference this fall, it can show up in the years ahead. The rigorous demands of the new Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards are an additional, powerful reason to provide meaningful summer learning opportunities for children. Adventures in summer learning In this episode of Reading Rockets' Launching Young Readers, learn how to create a literacy-rich summer for kids. You'll also see profiles of summer programs for at-risk youth and children with learning disabilities. Watch Adventures in Summer Learning The Home Front Meet Wendy Bostic, a mother of two young children in suburban Washington, D.C., who knows that taking a vacation from school doesn't have to be a vacation from learning. During the summer, she makes a conscious effort to keep her two young children engaged with reading, regular trips to the library, and exploring the world around them through local field trips. Webcast: summer learning In this webcast from Reading Rockets, Ron Fairchild and Dr. Lorlene Roy nationally recognized experts on reading and summer learning address how to make the most out of the summer months. Taking advantage of high-quality programs and accessing community resources can turn potential summer loss into summer gain. Watch webcast Summer learning: articles and briefs The achievement gap: research and reports Start with a Book, a summer and out-of-school-time learning project from Reading Rockets, is designed to help kids strengthen their reading and writing skills and build background knowledge. Start with a Book is made possible with major support from the Park Foundation, Inc. Reading Rockets is a national public media literacy initiative offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. Contact Us There are so many amazing books for kids that we love to read over and over again with students. From classics such as Chicka Chicka Boom Boom to newer finds like Love, Z we want to bring these books to life through book activities that build literacy skills. It's all about the joy of reading and playing with books to build early literacy skills. 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In fact, I highly encourage you to do so!Jack and the Beanstalk includes printable activity!Little Red Riding Hood includes printable activitiesGoldilocks and the Three Bears includes printable activitiesThe Little Red Hen includes printable activitiesThe Three Little Pigs-includes printable activitiesThe Three Billy Goats Gruff-includes printable activitiesThe Icky Bitty SpideyGingerbread Man ActivitiesSpeaking in units, we have ready-to-go book-based literacy unit available to you. See all nine units.> Preschool Literacy UnitsRead for the Record Day ActivitiesEach October, Jump Start for Reading sponsors Read for the Record Day. This is day to see how many people can read the same book on the same day. It's always great fun to see which book will be chosen and plan a whole day of book activities around the selected title.Each year, I provide activities to go along with the selected book. 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We have lots to choose from.> Holiday Books and Activities for KidsSo many book activities. Wish there was another book on the list? Let me know below.P.S. - If you love books and book activities, you want to be a part of the Growing Book by Book community. Join for free.>Subscribe to Growing Book by Book 10 Engaging Activities for Introducing a Class Novel Last Updated on June 11, 2024 by Brooke Khan, M.Ed Brooke Khan, M.Ed2024-06-11T00:14:03+00:00 All PostsBook ListsELAPublic SpeakingSeasonal & HolidaySocial Studies To ward off the learning loss that many children experience over the summer, Start with a Book offers parents, caregivers, summer program staff and librarians lots of engaging ideas for getting kids hooked on reading, exploring and learning all summer long and beyond. The free resources from Start with a Book build on what young children already like dinosaurs, building, animals, sports, superheroes and music so that parents, camp counselors, and others can have fun and interact meaningfully with children while helping to strengthen their reading skills. Twenty-fivekid-friendly topics featuring specific ideas for using books and related downloadable activities to build closer relationships with children and to get them thinking, talking, creating and exploring. Practical suggestions for using reading time to build a child's reading fluency the ability to read a book or other text correctly, quickly, and with expression with an opportunity to measure progress over the course of the summer. A highlighted list of places to go and things to do, in Washington DC and ideas for connecting reading with other summer activities. Tips for parents in English, Spanish, and nine other languages to support English language learners. A sign-up for weekly text messages delivered right to your mobile phone in English or Spanish. Try our Community Activities Tracker to log your learning adventures.While designed with families in mind, Start with a Book also has a place in libraries and summer camps. Local organizations working with children in kindergarten through third grade are encouraged to take advantage of these free resources and adapt activities to group use. Feel free to share the Start with a Book flyer with friends, colleagues, and others in your community who help support literacy and learning in young children. Here are some ways you can use Start with a Book for read alouds, writing, hands-on activities, and real-world explorations that stretch the imagination, build problem-solving skills, and help strengthen a child's vocabulary and knowledge of the world. Tina Chovanec, senior director of Start with a Book and Reading Rockets, has more than 20 years of experience in non-profit project management and communications, including work as a writer, editor, print and web designer, and creative director. Since 2007, Tina has guided the development of new research-based resources on ReadingRockets.org, and spearheaded significant growth in audience through partnerships and outreach, syndication, and social media. In 2012, Tina launched a companion literacy initiative, Start with a Book, an online and on-the-ground project designed to help children build background knowledge and keep reading and learning during the summer and other out-of-school time. Reading Rockets has received numerous national awards for its television programs and websites, including recognition by the Library of Congress Literacy Awards program, Parents Choice, and the American Library Association. Tina has an undergraduate degree from Brown University and an MFA in communication design from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been a volunteer in public elementary schools and afterschool literacy programs in Virginia and Oregon. Rachael Walker Rachael Walker is the national partnership and outreach consultant for Start with a Book and Reading Rockets, writes and edits the Start with a Book toolkits, and is the host of our Book Life blog. Rachael is passionate about helping kids develop a love of reading and has more than 20 years of experience in bringing organizations together to promote children's literacy. Her focus on literacy and outreach began at Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) where she served as External Relations Officer. In her consulting work, she has conceptualized innovative programs, launched national campaigns, coordinated special events and developed original content for projects involving film, television, web, and print for the National Education Association, the Afterschool Alliance, HarperCollins Childrens Books, Random House Childrens Books, The World Wildlife Fund, and WETAs Learning Media initiatives: Reading Rockets, Start with a Book, Colorn Colorado, and AdLit.org. Rachael also has hands-on experience with meeting the challenges local nonprofits face having served three years as the Executive Director of Reach Out and Read of Metro DC, a coalition of early literacy programs based in DC area health clinics make literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care. In addition to her work for WETA, Random House and the National Education Association, shes currently a Literacy Advisor for the PBS Ready To Learn Project; advisor to Tales2Go, an award-winning audio story service for families; and serves on The Reading Connection Advisory Council. Eileen Hanning Eileen Hanning, M.Ed., is the DC Metro partnership and outreach consultant for Start with a Book, and writes and edits the Start with a Book toolkits. Eileen has more than 20 years of experience designing reading curriculum for underserved kids and training for their parents and social service providers about reading and child development. Her passion for childrens books and hands-on learning has lead her to review childrens books, learn, research and write about education, child development and toxic stress, and to create her own consulting company, ReadLearnReach, where she serves a variety of clients with their curriculum, training, childrens book, and writing needs. She has developed curriculum for Random House, WETA, Reading Is Fundamental, the Girl Scouts of America, and Red Comet Press, and researched and written white papers for Tales2Go and Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia. For more than a decade, Reading Rockets, the award-winning national multimedia literacy initiative from WETA Public Broadcasting, has provided parents and educators with information and free resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. In 2012, Reading Rockets introduced Start with a Book, a companion website that uses books as a launching pad for exploration, conversation, and real world learning adventures. The Reading Rockets project includes PBS television programs (also available online and on DVD), online services through ReadingRockets.org and the bilingual site ColornColorado.org, professional development opportunities, and a robust social community on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Pinterest. The project is guided by an advisory panel made up of leading researchers and experts in the field of reading. Learn more about Reading Rockets Contact us If you have questions about Start with a Book, please contact us at: info@readingrockets.org. The Park Foundation, Inc. Start with a Book is made by possible with generous support from the Park Foundation, Inc. The Foundation is dedicated to the aid and support of education, public broadcasting, the environment, and other areas. 0%(1)0% found this document useful (1 vote)4K ViewsThe document is a map of an activity book that teaches English vocabulary, language, literature and other subjects across 9 units. 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Each unit focuses on a theme such as food, home, school, etAl-enhanced title and descriptionWhether you walk into a classroom in Asia, North America or Europe, you will almost certainly see teachers and students building their understanding of the world through a dedicated daily reading session full of great reading activities.Books allow students an opportunity to be informed, entertained or escape as they comprehend fiction and non-fiction texts against their understanding of the world, their personal insights, and opinions and finally compare those texts to others.Whilst you may have a wealth of books in your school library, developing fresh and engaging ways to study literature can often be challenging. So today, we will explore 25 proven activities that can be applied to any book and at any age level.These reading activities to improve reading comprehension are easy to follow and suitable for most age groups within an elementary/junior high school level.This massive collection of READING ACTIVITIES covers all essential reading skills for elementary/primary students. NO PREP REQUIRED! Works with all text and media types. Thousands of teachers have adopted this as a GO-TO RESOURCE for independent and group tasks. A COLLECTION OF FUN READING ACTIVITIESDraw the main character from a book you have recently read. Show them as a baby, middle-aged and an older person.Underneath each picture, write what you think they might be doing at that point in their life, and explain why they may be doing so.For example, if you drew Harry Potter as a baby, he might cast spells on his mum to feed him lots of yummy food.Post-reading activities like this are accessible for all age groups to adapt their skill level and text style.If you want to learn more about characters, read our complete guide here.FREE READING ACTIVITIES RESOURCE TO DOWNLOADDOWNLOAD THIS FREE RESOURCE NOWOver 30 engaging activities for students to complete BEFORE, DURING and AFTER reading ANY BOOKCompatible with all devices and digital platforms, including GOOGLE CLASSROOM.Fun, Engaging, Open-Ended INDEPENDENT tasks.20+ 5-Star RATINGS MORE GREAT ARTICLES WITH READING ACTIVITIESStart! is a Pre-Reading/Pre-Writing activity book for Junior Infants. Regardless of the reading programme used in your school, this independent workbook will provide a structured plan to cater for the pre-reading and pre-writing needs of your children. This book incorporates all the elements of the pre-reading programme: Language, Visual Discrimination, Left-Right Orientation and Auditory Discrimination. Start! uses a themed approach, with nursery rhymes/songs as the main focus. Nursery rhymes are not just for fun but have enormous educational value. It is crucial that young children learn to memorise through verse. We cannot overestimate the importance of rhyme before children begin the formal reading process. The pattern pages of this book provide the framework for a pre-writing programme. The Mrs. Murphy handwriting copies are a gradual progression, fulfilling all your childrens pre-writing and writing needs. I hope that Start!, as the name implies, will provide a jumping-off point for children to make sense of the story from a different characters perspective! My Internet History: What would a characters browsing history look like as the plot of the story unfolds? The Change-Up: Students explore how the main character has changed from the beginning to the end of the story. Snail Mail Postcard: Imagine that one character wants to send a postcard to another. What would they say? The Gift of Giving: Consider what would make a good gift to give one of the characters in the story! Character Fakebook: Creative students will love designing a social media profile for one of the characters in their chosen text. Send Me a DM: Students imagine the contents of a personal message sent from one character to another (at any point in the story!). Old School Photo Album: What memories would be important to a character? Students use a provided template to design a photo album commemorating their characters most significant moments. The Dating Game: What would a character include in their online dating profile and what information might they leave out? Trash Treasures: What does a persons trash say about them? Students will love considering the items that could be found in a characters trash! Encourage students to go beyond simple summaries with these creative activities for novels and short stories related to plot and writers craft! Author Extraordinaire: Students imagine they are the author of the story and discuss their writing process! Book Club Leader: Book club leaders must provide a series of open-ended discussion questions to spark lively conversation and debate! The Problem Solver: Students consider the conflicts (or problems) the main character faces in the story. Were they able to solve their problems? Whos That?: What would happen if a new character was added to the story, and what purpose would they serve in the plot? Students consider how a new character could change the story. Quotation Query: A provided graphic organizer helps students select significant quotes from the story and explain their importance. In the Title: Students consider what makes a strong title and evaluate whether the title of their story makes the grade! Book Cover Creation: Students create a tentative design for the cover of the book that appeals to future readers and summarizes the plot (without spoilers!) Story Timelines: A graphic organizer that can be used during and after reading to help students make sense of the story. Major plot points. Symbol Search: Students identify various symbols that appear in their story and what they represent. All stories need a setting! Support students as they explore the locations and time periods where their text takes place with these creative activities for short stories or novels. The Setting Tour Guide: Take on the role of tour guide by writing a description of the storys setting! Be a Cartographer: Visual students may enjoy drawing a map of the setting, labeling the most important places, and explaining their significance. Setting Brochure: Travel brochures can really help to set a destination. How will your students sell the setting of a chosen story or novel? Setting Swap: What would happen if the setting of the story was changed to somewhere else in the world (or a different time period)? Setting Venn Diagram: Students compare and contrast the setting of the story with their current location. Good readers make good writers! Help students express their ideas confidently and creatively with these writing activities for novels or short stories. Letter to the Author: Students can take the opportunity to tell the author of the novel or story what they liked about the book, and ask thoughtful questions! Blog Review: Taking on the role of a famous literary blogger, students provide a full review of the story. Will they recommend the book? Change the Ending: Were students disappointed with the ending of their story or novel? Encourage them to write an alternate ending! Newsworthy: Gumshoes get ready! In an unbiased newspaper article, student reporters must describe an event from the story, complete with a picture! The Lost Scene: Creative writers might like to envision a deleted scene from the story, in the style of the author! To the Movie Producer: Aspiring filmmakers can compose a letter to a well-known movie producer, pitching the novel or short story as an appealing feature film! Psychic Moment: Forward-thinking students imagine what happens to characters from the story 20 years into the future! Dear Diary: Thoughtful students may enjoy taking on the persona of a character from your novel or short story in this creative writing prompt. Blockbuster Builder: Movie buffs can develop a plan to turn the story or novel into a movie. Theyll need to consider which actors will play the characters, locations for the film shoot, and any plot changes! Interview Skills: Using a provided graphic organizer, reporters-in-training prepare for a sit-down interview with any character from the book. Poet Laureate: Budding poets can show off their skills by composing two quinquain poems and an acrostic poem about characters from their reading. Comic Creator: Using a provided panel template, students re-create a memorable scene from the book as a comic strip! Bookmark Builder: Creative students will love designing bookmarks based on the characters, setting, or events of the story! Choose Your Apps: Apps make everyones lives easier! Which original apps would help a character from the story? Students must explain each apps functions in detail, create a logo, and give it a name! Writing Rap Rhymes: Considering plot, characters, themes, or setting, students compose a creative rap about the novel or short story. Costume Designer: What would the main character wear? Using a provided template, students design an outfit for the main character and explain it from a fashion (and functional!) perspective. Movie Poster: Artistic students will love designing the poster for an imagined feature film version of the story! There you go! I hope these activities give you plenty of ideas to help you make the most of your next short story or novel study! For another similarly versatile activity that works well with most fiction texts, have a look at my post for Turning a Story Into a Video Game. Related Start with a Book, a summer and out-of-school-time learning project from Reading Rockets, is designed to help kids strengthen their reading and writing skills and build background knowledge. Start with a Book is made possible with major support from the Park Foundation, Inc. Reading Rockets is a national public media literacy initiative offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. Contact Us Bird Buddies Learn about the connection between birds and dinosaurs, fantastic feathers, finding food and hunting prey, bird brains, nest-building, bird songs, and how we can protect birds and their habitats. Take a daily bird walk, set up an observation station, and start a personal bird journal. Bird Buddies is a 5-day program that connects books and writing with hands-on activities and other active learning opportunities. We are sure that a bee, explore biomimicry (and invent your own nature-inspired innovation), discover helpful insects and their role in our world ... and much more. Bug Buddies is a flexible 5-day program that connects books and writing with hands-on activities and other active learning opportunities. Get outside to explore and read, write, build, and learn all about bugs in your world. Learn more about Bug Buddies Download the Bug Buddies toolkit River Rangers River Rangers gives kids a chance to learn about the life and science above, under, and around rivers including topics around pollution, water conservation, and plant and animal life. River Rangers combines hands-on activities with great fiction, poetry, and picture book biographies, inspiring kids to learn all about the complex world of rivers. Our downloadable toolkit has all the resources you need for your summer program or at-home learning. Learn more about River Rangers Download the River Rangers guide Space Rangers Where do stars come from? Why does the moon change shape? What is the solar system and why is the sun at its center? How big are all the planets? What is gravity, and is there gravity on the moon and the planets? Whats it like for astronauts to live and work in space? Questions around space seem to be as infinite as the night sky itself. Our 5-day Space Rangers program includes dozens of carefully chosen fiction and nonfiction books, hands-on activities, writing ideas, and educational media to deepen the learning. Learn more about Space Rangers Download the Space Rangers toolkit Tune In Imagine making music with your body, inventing simple instruments with recycled materials, playing conductor, building community through call-and-response singing and group dances, creating a music time capsule, drawing to music, designing an album cover, exploring voices and songs of social change, and writing original jingles, parodies, and raps. Tune In is a 5-day program that connects books and writing with hands-on activities and other active learning opportunities. We are sure that a summer is NOT a time when kids take a vacation from learning instead, they read, explore, learn, and create! Learn more about Tune In Download the Tune In toolkit Weather Wonders Dive deep into weather! Make your own weather station, explore extreme weather, make weather-inspired art, celebrate weather and community! Understand how climate impacts your community and the world and make a plan to help. Weather Wonders is a 5-day program that connects books and writing with hands-on activities and other active learning opportunities. Join us ... to explore, read, write, play, invent, and learn all about weather and climate. Learn more about Weather Wonders Download the Weather Wonders toolkit Tree Trekkers What wood we do without trees? The Tree Trekkers program gives kids a chance to branch out to read and learn all about trees their role in the ecosystem and in climate change, their characteristics and life cycle, and many other benefits to humans and to other species, the stories they tell us about our history, and how trees, forests, and parks have inspired art, music, and literature. Learn more about Tree Trekkers Download the Tree Trekkers toolkit Our Democracy: Government, Voting, and Active Citizenship This civics and social justice-related DIY summer camp is all about voting, voting rights, and active citizenship! With Our Democracy, kids will learn more about what our local, state, and federal governments do, how our elections work, and simple ways to get involved as an engaged citizen in your own communities. Books and activities also explore how social movements like the Voting Rights Movement produce change, and the leaders who pushed for those changes despite the odds. 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Storytellers combines hands-on activities with great fiction, poetry, and picture books inspiring kids to learn about oral and written storytelling, plots and characters from different cultures, and the power of writing, telling, creating, and sharing stories. Learn more about Storytellers Download the Storytellers guide!DIY science camp: weeks of fun and learning! Parents and youth program staff! Looking for ways to bring more science into your summer and afterschool learning activities? Choose a topic below, then explore the hands-on activities. You'll also find recommended fiction and nonfiction books plus theme-based apps and websites to deepen the learning. (Find lots more books and activities by browsing our complete library of Science, Nature, and Math themes.) Begin your adventures by selecting a topic below! Cinquain Write a cinquain (a 5-line poem, often inspired by nature) about a memorable place you have visited: the ocean, a planetarium, the forest, your backyard, a neighborhood park, your school playground even the flowering tree at the end of your block can be inspiring. Here are the "rules" of a cinquain: Line 1: One word title, a noun that identifies your topic Line 2: Two adjectives that describe your topic Line 3: Three "ing" verbs that describe action Line 4: A phrase that describes something about your topic Line 5: A noun that is a synonym or another way to name your topicExample:treereaching, bending, flutteringleaves and twigs in the windaspennCinquain resources: In Linda Sue Park's picture book Bee-Bim Bop! we join a young Korean girl and her mom as they shop, chop, and prepare a delicious meal together. Everyone has a favorite family recipe, something wonderful that is cooked up for special friends or special occasions. Whats yours? Does it have special meaning for your family? You'll need a kitchen partner your mom, dad, grandparent, or older sibling to help you cook this delicious dish.Write up the recipe (be sure you have the correct measurements for each ingredient), the step-by-step directions and one descriptive sentence about the experience of cooking and sharing the food with others. Include a drawing if you like, and make copies to share with family, friends and neighbors. Be sure your directions are crystal clear so that others can try out the recipe!Recipe resource: Summer is a great time for new experiences and field trips, near or far. After visiting new places, have your child review articles of their adventures and create a summer scrapbook. Did you try the new sandwich shop on the corner, see the newest Pixar movie in 3D or explore all the animal habitats at the zoo? Encourage your child to record their thoughts and experiences. All you need is a 3-ring binder, some inexpensive scrapbook paper and adhesive or you can buy a scrapbook album from a local craft store. Kids can add things like menus, ticket stubs, museum tour maps, autographs and hiking trail maps to accompany their reviews. If you have a digital camera and printer, your child can include his own photos.Review resources: Trying to record your favorite show with the DVR but can't remember how to do it? Yep, that's familiar. Put kids to work writing up "how-to" guides for tricky devices (like DVRs) or other instructions, such as how to reset the microwave safely after the power goes out; or how to load the dishwasher so that you can fit the most dishes in; or how to replace the tube on a bicycle wheel. This activity helps children practice skills in sequencing, attention to detail, and writing clearly. Teach your child how something works by demonstrating each step. Go slowly so that he can observe carefully. (If your kid is doing the teaching, then skip this step!) Provide a notepad and pencil so that your child can record the steps, make special notes, and add any helpful diagrams. Check over the writing to make sure it's clear, and then try following the directions together. If there are any errors or missing steps, you can demonstrate the steps again. Your child can create the final guide using construction paper or printer paper (don't forget the title!) And remember to stash the booklet in a handy place! Just a few pages from your newspaper can be turned into a good writing exercise. Cut out a few pictures from the paper. Ask your child to write a caption for each one. Compare their caption with the paper's caption. Talk about ways captions help readers understand one small piece of the story. Turn a recent family event into a newspaper story. Try to write a headline, the story, include a picture or drawing, and add a caption. Does your child have a favorite author? Here's a great way to engage kids in a conversation about books they love and wonder about the real person who wrote those books. Here's some advice from children's writer Mary Amato on how to write to an author: Write a thoughtful, personal letter. Tell the author something about yourself and why you enjoy her books. Ask thoughtful questions, like how did you come up with the setting for a particular book, or why did a character behave a certain way in the story. (Your child might also share that she, too, wants to be a writer, and what was the path the author took to get there?) Hand the five parts of a formal letter: heading (address and date), greeting, message, closing, and signature and where each of those parts are placed on the paper. Which punctuation mark follows the greeting and the closing? This article, An Introduction to Letter Writing, is really helpful. Write a rough draft of the letter using the letter format. Help your child edit the letter by checking spelling, sentence and paragraph construction, and capitalization. Write the final draft. A handwritten letter is especially personal! Send the letter to the writer "in care of" her publisher. Here's how to find that: look for the publisher's address inside the book. Usually, the mailing address will be listed in the first few pages of the book. (If the complete address is not shown, you can always find it on the publisher's website.) Include an envelope with your name and address and a stamp, ready to go. Make it easy for a busy author to respond.To get to know some of your favorite children's authors and illustrators, watch the author interviews on Reading Rockets! Children's author and writing coach Mary Amato (Snarf Attack, Underfootle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All) shares her best tips on keeping a diary or writer's notebook, as well as ideas for parents to encourage their children's creative writing. You can also watch our Reading Rockets video interview with Mary Amato. Mary Amatos Tips for Keeping a Diary A diary is a place to write down your own life experiences. Keeping a diary can be rewarding, even if you're not interested in becoming a writer. If you speak to its pages with honesty and emotion, it becomes the most amazing keepsake possible: a record of your life. Mary Amatos Tips for Keeping a Writers Notebook A writers notebook is a place where you can write all kinds of things: ideas, questions, thoughts, true stories, invented stories, rough drafts for poems, songs, or stories, bits of dialogue that you overhear, and more. Its different from a diary, which is a record of your own life experiences. Mary Amatos Tips for Parents: How to Encourage Creative Writing Discover more than a dozen ideas for encouraging your child to write, including creative and simple ways to get the whole family involved. You'll also find out how WOW stories can help unlock story structure for young writers. Launching Young Writers Find out why writing is so important in our lives, as well as practical suggestions for activities to help your child become a stronger writer. Get tips 7 Great Ways to Encourage Your Child's Writing If your child struggles with writing, its important to find new and exciting ways to encourage her to write. Here are some creative strategies to try. Get tips Graphic Organizers to Help Kids With Writing Discover four graphic organizers that can help kids organize their ideas in a very useful way. They also help break a writing project into smaller, more manageable steps.Get tips 3 Writing Tips for Kids Who Dont Like to Write Does your child want to do anything but write? Would they rather do chores than put a pencil to paper? Here are three tips for kids who dont like to write. 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