

# Writing Journal Prompts

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In a blog post a few weeks ago, I talked about why we use the writing workshop and how it works. But this year, I also added in Journal Prompt Writing as part of their checklist of things to do. Here's why. ED started writing with us right from the start (even before she officially started kindergarten.) She enjoys writing, but her "stories" are always about a cat (or dog or bat...) going on various adventures. I love that she is so invested in her stories, but there's no variation on that theme!!

I wrote up a series of journal prompts to have her branch out to other topics. I have DD also answer the prompt of the day because she *\*loves\** to write. And, I have LD answer these to have him practice writing on a given topic (now that he doesn't object so strenuously to this type of assignment... It used to be that something like this would shut him down and he would have absolutely nothing to write about.)

The way it's worked out this fall, the kids do between 1-3 journal prompts each week, but we do our writing workshop *\*every\** school day. You can find out more about our Writing Workshop here: <http://www.parents.com/blogs/homeschool-den/2014/10/24/writing/writing-workshop-what-were-doing-for-writing-this-fall/>

1

In your journal, write your name and describe some of the things you like to do. Talk a little bit about what makes your family special.

2

Draw a picture of your best friend and tell me a little bit about her or him.

What makes you a good friend?

3

Describe your morning routine and all the things you do right after you wake up.

4

Think about one day when you were very happy. Describe that day. Explain what made the day feel special. Draw a picture if you'd like.

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Draw a picture of the scariest monster you can. Color it in. Then pretend your friend/Mom/Dad is blind and can't see it. Describe it with words.

6

You found \$1,000! Describe what you will do with the money.

7

Choose a family member. Describe a special time you had with them.

8

When is your birthday? Write that in your journal. Then write about a special birthday you had. Do you have a birthday wish-list for your next birthday? If so, write a list that begins, "My birthday wish-list includes..."

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Write a paragraph in your journal:  
The hardest part of being a kid is....

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Where would you go today if you could be transported anywhere in the world (or the universe!).

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Write a paragraph in your journal:  
My Dad is special because...

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Write a paragraph in your journal:  
The best part of being a kid is...

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Talk about your favorite time of day, your favorite day of the week and then your favorite month or season.

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Today when we woke up, all animals could talk. Describe this extraordinary day!

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What does a super-fun day look like to you?

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Your grandmother gave you a hat. You realize that whenever you put it on, you become invisible. Describe one adventure you have. What are some things you would do?

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Describe one of the worst days you have ever had.

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If you could pick a super power what would it be and why?

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Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Describe this animal's life out in the wild or make up a story about your animal.

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One day I saw colored lights in the sky... (Then what happened?!)

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Write a paragraph in your journal:  
The worst part about being a kid

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If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why?

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Describe the prettiest place in the whole wild world.

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Tell me about a time when you had to be very brave.

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You gain the ability to shrink down to a very small size--the size of a mouse. Write about your adventures.

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One day you woke up and realized you were a prince or princess living in a castle. Describe the adventures you had that day.

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Describe a dream that your dog or cat had last night.

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Describe the strangest dream you ever had.

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Describe two or three funny (or strange) things your Mom or Dad does!

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Write a knock-knock (or other) joke in your journal.

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How would you make the world a peaceful place?

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Describe a day in the life of your cat or dog.

33

Describe a terrible storm (it can be true or a story you make up).

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In your grandpa's attic, you found a magic carpet.

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You walked through the woods and came upon a tree house. You realize it can transport you to any time period and any place. When/where would you go? Describe your adventures.

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Tell me about your crazy uncle or aunt (it can be true or a story you make up).

37

You wake up on a desert island. How would you survive?

38

One day you get out of bed, look in the mirror, and realize that you are an alien. Describe your new life!

39

You are suddenly sucked into a minecraft world...

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Draw and write about a pair of magical shoes. What would they do? What adventures would you have?