

Dear Families,

It's time to launch our writer's Workshop! Today in class we talked about the importance of our notebooks and the role they will play this year as we work toward becoming a community of writers. **Please assist your child in transforming a marble composition notebook into their very own "writer's Notebook."** In this space, your child will collect potential writing topics, rehearse their ideas for stories, draft documents, and create a glossary of writing crafts. The writer's Notebook will serve as an artifact of their lives in 4th grade and may even be something they reflect back on as they grow through the years. Before your child decorates his or her notebook, it might be helpful to encourage your child to ask themselves the following questions:

- What do you love to do?
- What defines who you are?
- What is special about you/your family?
- How would someone who knows you well describe you?
- What are your passions?

Your child should use this inspiration to cover the front (or front and back) of their notebook, collage style, with photographs, clipart, scrapbooking stickers, words cut from magazines, ticket stubs, quotes, etc. After their notebook is decorated, please assist your child in covering their design with clear tape (packing tape works well) or contact paper. This will preserve the notebook for years to come! **Your child's name should appear clearly on the front of the notebook.** Have fun helping your child express the hobbies, passions, and people that make up who they are!



Your child's decorated writer's Notebook needs to be back in school by **Tuesday, September 10th!**

In class, we looked at several examples of exemplary notebooks. It may also be helpful to type "writer's Notebook examples" into a Google image search on your computer. This will give you an idea of what your child's notebook could look like. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have. Thank you for your help in what is sure to be an exciting writing adventure!

Sincerely,
Miss Ciuffreda

