



Title 1 Parent Newsletter

Reading and Writing Connection

A child's writing development corresponds to their development as a reader. Authentic writing, or writing with a real purpose is very motivating to children. There are some fun activities that parents can do at home to encourage their young writers.

Share your writing. Show your child the everyday writing that you do, whether it's a daily journal, shopping list, or business correspondence.

Involve the whole family in writing plans for a vacation, recipes, instructions for the babysitter and party invitations.

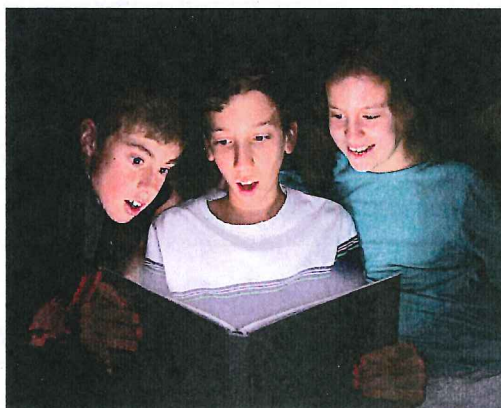
Write down a story that your child dictates to you or have them write a family

story to share with relatives. Stories that your children write after interviews with grandparents and other relatives can end up being family keepsakes.

Involve your child in letter writing of all kinds. It may be to a toy company expressing how much the child enjoys a toy, or to the White House. Your child may even receive a response in return! Encourage pen-pals via email or the post office.

Remember that writing can be a slow process, so be patient. It's OK for parents to call atten-

tion to a misspelled word, but as with your child's reading, be careful not to over criticize. Focus on the meaning of the writing instead of the correctness. For younger children writing can be scribbles that represent "letters" and pictures to go with them. That is the early stages of becoming a writer! Like anything, writing takes practice.



Save the Date!

Title 1 Parent Workshop

You are invited on **January 25th at 6:15 to Nottingham School** for a parent information workshop. The Title 1 Reading Specialists from Jordan Bank, Elk Ridge, and Nottingham will be presenting

a Parent workshop for our Title 1 families.

We are trying something different this year by combining our K-4 schools, similar to a Family Read event. We will pro-

vide light snacks and you and your child will write a book together! You will receive an invitation to this workshop with a portion to return, so we know how many people to expect. **See you there!**

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Some ideas for using writing in your home:

- During family trips or vacations keep a travel journal. Children can write down interesting facts about places they have visited.
- Have a special note place in the home where family members write notes to each other like "Don't forget to take the dog out." or "Have a great day!"

