

Ideas / Tips on using My Writing Journeys Grade 1-3 Journal Book

The Grade 1-3 journal book is user friendly and it could be used in many different ways. Some teachers are using the journal as a daily morning warm up or part of their existing language program.

Some topics/activities could be linked to Health, Family Life/Religion and Science.

Some other ideas are:

- -Use the first page of each activity as a class brainstorm. Draw the graphic organizer on the board or chart paper and have students copy the ideas on their page in the book.
- -Instead of writing the ideas on the graphic organizer, they could draw it instead.
- -Use the vocabulary words on the bottom of each page as word wall words or to initiate discussion about the topic. Use them to demonstrate syllables as well.
- -The second page of each activity is used as printing practice.
- -As listed on the second page of each activity, students could write each vocabulary word out a few times. As the students get comfortable writing sentences later in the year, they could use the words in sentences.
- -As the students trace over the title on the third page of each activity, you could demonstrate how to write a title. For example, which words get capital letters, which ones don't.
- -The third page (the drawing section) of each topic could be taken "outside the book". For example, have the students do a cut and paste using construction paper.
- -Each Topic could be spread out on 3 different days.

My School Day



One of the things you could do to be a good student is to be organized. What do you do in the morning to get yourself ready and organized for your school day?

On the lines below, list the steps you take to get ready.



First		 	
Then			
Next			
Finally			

My School Day

Write out each
vocabulary word 5
or 6 times **or** write
a sentence using
the vocabulary
word.

eat	
study	
books	
important	
play	

My School Day

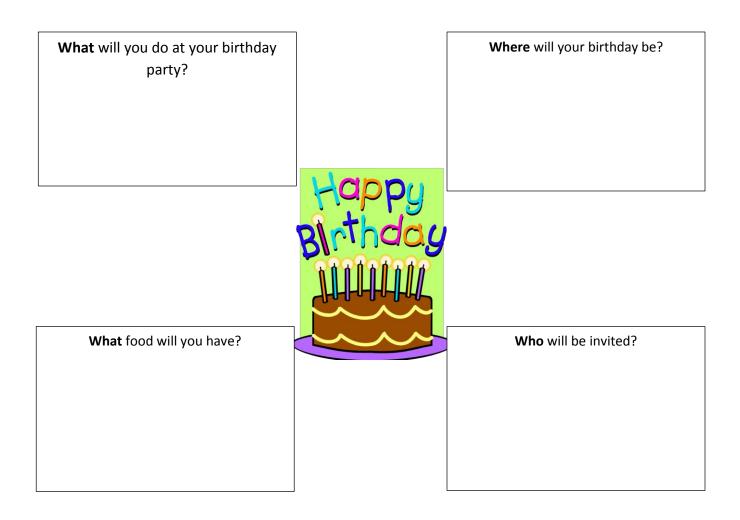
During your school day you do many different things. Divide the box below in half and draw two different things that you do during your school day.		Draw yoursel inside or outs of the schoo your pictu
Write sentences that explain what you are doing in the pio	cture:	S.

It's My Birthday!

Birthdays are special occasions for everyone.

What do you like to do on your birthday?

In the boxes below, list what activities you would like to do, where you would like your birthday to be, who will be there, and what you would like to eat.



card friend cake party special

It's My Birthday!

Write out each vocabulary word 5 or 6 times or write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

card	 	
friend		
cake		
party		
special		

It's My Birthday!

Every year we look forward to our birthday. Draw a picture of a special birthday you had or you are going to have.

When coloring your picture, remember to take your time and do it neatly.

Write sentences that explain what made, or will make your birthday special. Include the ideas you wrote down on page 22.