

M.S.A.D. #54
Suggested Writing Prompts
2nd or 3rd Quarter

ROUND 1

K-6 (Narrative Prompts)

What if... Clouds were made of marshmallow goo? Consider all of the problems that would happen if someone got caught in a marshmallow goo rainstorm! Pretend that you live on a planet where it always rains marshmallow goo. Write a story about how you created an invention to solve the problems of getting caught in a marshmallow goo rainstorm.

What if... Animals could talk? What would happen if one morning everyone woke up and found that their pets could talk? Imagine what would happen if your pet could talk. Think about the things that your pet would like or dislike about its life, and the things that would be important to your pet. Write a story about the day that you spend with your talking pet.

One of the greatest unsolved mysteries of life is... What happens to socks? You start out with 12 pairs of socks and several weeks later you find out that you now have only 6 pairs of socks and six single socks that don't match! People have been pondering this mystery for years and still there is no satisfactory answer! Does the dryer "eat them"? Are there such things as the Sock Ness Monster, or Sock Goblins? Where do all the missing socks go? Pretend you are a detective who has been hired to discover the answer. Write a tale of how you solved the "Case of the Missing Socks".

There are many stories that talk about people getting three wishes that come true. Think about this for a moment! What if you had three wishes? The catch is your entire family knows that you have three wishes and you have two younger brothers or sisters who want "their fair share"! The other problem is, as in all good fairy tales, you can't wish for more wishes. Write a story about how you received three wishes and what you wished for.

What if... you had the ability to fly for 48 hours? Where would you go if you could fly anywhere for 48 hours? Think about some of these things: How did you get the ability to fly? What would it feel like to fly? What would be some problems involved with taking a human flight? Write a story about your human

flying trip. Remember to include how you received the ability to fly as part of your adventure.

K-3 (Expository Prompts)

Some friends now living in another country are coming to visit and want to know the best time of year to come. Think about how the seasons affect your weather. Write your friends a letter, telling them when to come. Don't forget to tell them what to pack in their suitcases!

(Math) Twelve to a dozen- How many items make a dozen? Brainstorm with your classmates different items that are often found in groups of twelve. Draw a picture of these items. Make a list of all items you can think of that come in quantities of a dozen.

(Science) Students draw, then label or write sentences that identify different ways and fuels used for cooking and heating their homes (electricity, gas, oil, wood, coal, etc...).

Show and Tell- Write, draw or dictate a note to your class about what you are bringing for Show and Tell. Share what you know about your object.

4-6 (Expository Prompts)

Think of two different types of transportation, such as a scooter and in-line skates, a sled and skis, a canoe and a sailboat, a subway and a bus, or a train and an airplane. Compare and contrast the two. Consider issues such as speed, comfort, enjoyment and expense.

This year you have learned what it takes to be a ___ grade student, what your teachers expect out of you, and how to succeed as a student. Write a letter that gives ___ grade students specific advice on what they really need to know before they enter ___ grade in the fall.

Everyone has a favorite color. Think about what yours is and why it is your favorite. Think about things that are your favorite color and how they make you feel.

Everyone has an activity that they enjoy doing on rainy days. Do you enjoy rainy days or dislike them? Write a paper explaining several reasons why you like or dislike rainy days! Remember to use specific details to support and explain your reasons.

3-6 (Persuasive Prompts)

Your family is moving and wants your opinion on where to buy a new home. Should it be in a neighborhood in a city or on a farm in the country? Where would you like to live? Write a letter to your family persuading them to choose a home in the place you want them to live. Give at least two reasons why you want to move there.

Write a paper in which you agree or disagree with this statement: It's more fun to be a child than to be an adult.

Write an essay proposing a new national holiday. You anticipate that there might be people who don't agree with your idea, so defend your reasoning by explaining the meaning and background of the event/person and why a national holiday is justified. You should describe how the holiday should be observed or celebrated.