



The Dominican COMMUNITY of SCHOOLS

Rising 3-8 Summer Writing Recommendations (optional)

Keeping a summer journal is a great way to develop writing skills while keeping your work organized. Write about topics below or choose your own topic when you are inspired!

- ❖ **Grade 3:** Pick 5 and write one or more paragraphs for each
- ❖ **Grade 4:** Pick 5 and write two or more paragraphs for each
- ❖ **Grades 5-8:** Pick 5 and write three or more paragraphs for each

Summer Writing Checklists

Editing:

- ☐ capital letters
- ☐ punctuation
- ☐ word choice
- ☐ spelling
- ☐ makes sense

Paragraph:

- ☐ topic sentence
- ☐ detail #1
- ☐ detail #2
- ☐ detail #3
- ☐ closing sentence

***See the writing prompts on the next page!**

Writing Prompts

What is your favorite family tradition?	What animal makes the perfect pet?	Why is it important to ask for help when you do not understand?	Describe how to make your favorite sandwich or ice cream sundae.
Describe a perfect day.	Should there be school on Saturdays?	Explain what you like most about Memphis.	If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?
Tell about a good deed.	What is the best day of the week?	Explain why it is important to eat healthy foods.	What is the best advice someone has given you?
Imagine you are in a book or movie with your favorite character and describe what happens.	Should kids be required to do volunteer work?	Describe your most valued possession. Explain why it is important to you.	If you had a super power, what would it be? What would you do?
Would you rather live in a secret forest or on a desert island? Describe your surroundings.	Would someone be able to live in today's world without using any electronics?	Explain what you like most about summer vacation.	Explain the steps for building the perfect sandcastle?
What is something you want to learn to do? Explain what you would like to learn and why.	Write about the perfect vacation/trip with a friend or with family.	Think of something that you know how to do well and explain how to do it as if you were teaching someone who didn't know.	Are you the oldest, middle, youngest, or only child in your family? Explain what you like or dislike about your position.
Choose your own topic and write about it!	Write a letter to someone.	Draw, color, or paint a picture and write to explain your creation.	Which are creepier, snakes or spiders? Explain your reasoning.