

SEPTEMBER Writing Activities

Computer Spelling

Students can learn by listening with this activity. Tape-record yourself reading and spelling each week's spelling words. Put the tape, along with a tape player, next to a class computer. Have students practice their spelling words by listening to the tape, then typing the words. Students can print their lists and check them against a written spelling list.

Summer turns to fall during September! The most obvious change is that children everywhere are back in school! Use these fun September writing activities that focus on creative expression to ease students into a new school year.

Word Bank Words

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| friend | smile | welcome |
| apple | chalkboard | playground |
| school | crayon | teacher |
| bushel | pencil | paper |
| cider | notebook | school |

All About Me

Build self-esteem by having students write tributes to themselves in which they name good things about themselves and why people like them.

Getting to Know You

Help students get to know each other by interviewing a partner about things they like. The list may include things students like to eat, wear, watch, do, etc. Then, have students write paragraphs describing these things. Encourage students to share their work with others as a way to get to know each other.



The Sounds of September

Students will create sound sensations with these creative poems. Explain to students that some words, such as bang and zip, make the sounds of what they mean. These words are called onomatopoeia. Have students generate a list of onomatopoeic (ah nuh mah tuh PE ik) words for September, then write onomatopoeic poems with the words.

September

RING, RING goes the school bell.
Rumble, rumble goes the bus.
Chitter-chatter go the students.
WHEEL...yell all of us.

by Anita

Letters to New Students

Start the new school year with memories from the previous year. Students can write letters to students starting school in their previous grade. In the letters, students can explain things they can look forward to during the year and important things for them to remember as they start the new year.

Johnny Smith
 Grade 3
 Mr. Jones



Grade 2 Students
 Ms. Plummer's Class



Two-Word Poems

Keep it short and sweet! Ask students to think about what they like most about being back in school, then write two-word poems on the subject. Tell students to make their two-word poems as short or as long as they wish, but each line should contain only two words.

Back-to-School

Up early
 Bus ride
 Friends everywhere
 Paper, pencil
 Story time!

My Ultimate Playground

A 500-foot slide? Swings that can swing into outer space? Have students write directions for how to design the ultimate playground. What would they include on the playground? What materials would things be made of? Then, have each student illustrate his imaginary ultimate playground to display with his writing.



Editing Partners

Double up and get it right! Assign each student a partner and have them proofread each other's papers for spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Allow different partners to work together throughout the year.

