

## Get Your Writer's Eyes On!



This large jumping spider has lots of eyes to see from many angles.


How many angles can you look at an object or subject?


Summertime is the perfect time to grab your pencil, paper, and sit outdoors. Prepare yourself for a successful stretch with writing. Pack a few good writing tools: two or three sharp pencils, pencil sharpener, colored pencils, and paper of your choice. We like to use a sketch pad that has one side for pictures and one side for writing.

**\*A reminder: It's always nice to invite someone else to go along with you.**

Let's get going! Start by searching for the perfect place to write. Your special writing place should be somewhere quiet, surrounded by nature, and comfortable. An old tree stump, crook of a tree, soft grass in the shade, or a large rock are always good places to settle down.


If you need a little jump start to get your hand moving across the page, try one of these idea starters.


- ✎ Find an interesting object to sketch and then write what you see. Use your  senses.
- ✎ Make a list of five things that are important to you. What do you care about? Choose one idea at a time from the list and write about it.
- ✎ Write the words: *I remember when I...* at the top of your page. Write about the first thing that pops in your mind.
- ✎ Try these other idea starters at the top of your page:
  - ✎ I love \_\_\_\_\_ because...
  - ✎ I can't wait until I am old enough to...because...
  - ✎ I can't wait until I go... because...

 I see... Now, write all of the things that you see around you- make this into a list poem. For example, a couple of your lines might sound like these:

I see an ocean of green grass swaying like waves.

I see drifting white clouds waving goodbye.

 I really don't like to... write what you don't like to do and why.

 I wish I had...because...

 Draw a sketch to go along with your writing. Everyone loves a picture!

Share time! Be sure to share your writing and sketches with someone. Be nice and ask to see their writing, too.

\*Write a poem.

\*Write a letter.

\*Write a story about your life.

\*Write a story from your imagination.

\*Write about a nonfiction topic.

\*Write a travel brochure.

\*Write an ABC book.

\*Write a song.

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