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**Writer’s Notebook**

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| “A writer’s notebook is a blank book where a writer can engage in the fun, often messy job of being a writer – practicing, listening, playing with language, gathering images and insights and ideas. The purpose of such a notebook is to nourish the writer… such a notebook… is one of the most essential tools of the trade.”  ***Fletcher and Portalupi, Lessons for the Writer’s Notebook, p.4***  **Purpose:**   * **Prewrite/Gather Ideas** * **Discovery Drafts** * **Write Everyday** * **Collect ideas and practice writing modes, styles, and techniques** * **Explore Writing and Literature** * **Build a Writer’s Toolbox** * **Not a diary!** * **Find your own writing style and writing voice**   **Role/Responsibility:**   * **Put forth your best effort** * **Everyone must participate** * **Always put the date in the upper left hand corner** * **Title every entry** * **Be open minded and respectful when sharing and responding** * **Must be school APPROPRIATE!** * **Not every entry will be published!** * **Store in the classroom (sign out sheet available to take home)** * **The first notebook is provided, but you must replace throughout the year** * **Must make up entries when absent (posted on my website/complete at home and staple into notebook)**   **Grading:**   * **Must revise, edit, and “re-write” two entries every marking period turned in at your discretion** * **Must create an end of the year writing portfolio of your journey through the writing process (not just the best pieces)** * **Participation and effort by random writer’s notebook checks**   Keep this portion attached. I have read and understand the purpose, role/responsibility, and grading policy with maintaining a writer’s notebook. My participation is important to grow as a writer throughout the year. Please fill out of the bottom portion if you don’t have any questions. If you have any questions, please email me at [Lvanderkwast@methacton.org](mailto:Lvanderkwast@methacton.org). |
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