Summer Writing Practice for 6th Grade

Congratulations, you are officially a 6th grader! I hope you are looking forward to a great year!!

I am so excited to get to know you and to help you continue to grow to be the best Guardian Angels student you can be. Below are the expectations I have for the journaling we will do all year. It is important that we keep up our skills over the summer and not get caught slipping down the 'summer slide.' I want you to have a relaxing summer, so I have limited the number of writing prompts required to one per week. When you return, you should have responded to a minimum of ten writing prompts. There are several extra prompts if you enjoy writing or if you think you might need some extra credit points in ELA. Please do your best work! I want to see the wonderful skills you have gained while working with Ms. Pinto. A composition notebook is required for my class. We bought you one to get you started. One prompt per page, please. Bring your journal to school on the first day of class.

*Cut ----------Paste into Composition Notebook--------- On First Page_____

During the summer, you will write a response to at least ten of the prompts attached. I know it's tempting to put things off until the last week, but please set aside a few minutes one day each week to write.

- Choose a prompt from the packet.
- Paste the prompt into your journal. (one per page)
- Read, think thoughtfully, and respond to each prompt.
- Each response should be written using your own words and ideas.
- Each response should be as long as it needs to be for your response to be thoughtful and complete.
- Use your best handwriting!
- Each response should have a topic sentence, four to five detail sentences that support your response, and a closing sentence unless other directions are given.
- Check your work and correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.

Writing Center Narrative Prompts

PROMPT #1

IF YOU COULD BE AN ICE CREAM TRUCK DRIVER ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD FOR THE SUMMER, WHERE WOULD IT BE? WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO DRIVE YOUR TRUCK HERE? WHAT ICE CREAM TREATS WOULD YOU BE SURE TO CARRY?

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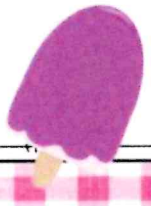
PROMPT #2

YOU ARE A POPSICLE-MAKER FOR A LOCAL ICE CREAM STAND. WHAT FLAVORS WOULD YOU MAKE SO THAT YOU HAD UNIQUE AND ORIGINAL FLAVORS? WHAT FLAVOR WOULD YOU REFUSE TO MAKE? HOW IS YOUR PRODUCT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT PEOPLE CAN BUY IN A STORE?



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PROMPT #3

YOU HAVE BEEN HIRED AS A LIFEGUARD. YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPTION OF LIFEGUARDING AT A POOL OR BEACH ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. WHERE WOULD YOU LIFEGUARD AND WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION? CITE THREE REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER.

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PROMPT #4

YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SELECT WHERE YOUR FAMILY WILL TRAVEL FOR A WEEK-LONG VACATION. WHERE WOULD YOU DECIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY TO TRAVEL? WHY DID YOU SELECT THIS LOCATION? WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO PACK?

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PROMPT #5

TWO NEIGHBORS ARE IN NEED OF CHILD CARE FOR THE SUMMER. ONE FAMILY HAS THREE CHILDREN AGES 10, 8, AND 6. THE OTHER FAMILY HAS TWO YEAR-OLD TWINS. WHICH FAMILY WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO WORK FOR? CITE THREE REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR THOUGHTS.

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PROMPT #6

THE LOCAL PIZZA RESTAURANT IS IN NEED OF A PIZZA DELIVERY PERSON AND AN INDIVIDUAL TO BUS TABLES. WHICH JOB AT THE PIZZA SHOP WOULD YOU CHOOSE? CITE THREE REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR THOUGHTS.

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Writing Center Initiative Prompts

PROMPT #7

A POOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY HAS CONTACTED YOU REGARDING POOL FLOAT DESIGN. THEY ARE IN NEED OF A DESIGN THAT SWIMMERS AGES TEN TO EIGHTEEN WOULD LIKE TO USE WHEN SWIMMING IN A POOL. CREATE A DESIGN FOR A POPULAR POOL FLOAT AND EXPLAIN WHY A SWIMMER IN THIS AGE GROUP WOULD WANT TO OWN THIS POOL EQUIPMENT.

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PROMPT #8

THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS CONTACTED YOU FOR SUMMER CAMP IDEAS. THEY WILL BE HOLDING A SPORTS CAMP, BUT ARE STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER CAMP IDEA THAT STUDENTS WILL WANT TO ATTEND. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL A UNIQUE CAMP IDEA THAT STUDENTS YOUR AGE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. PROVIDE A CAMP NAME, LIST MATERIALS NEEDED, COST OF THE CAMP, AND CREATE A FLYER ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO ATTEND.

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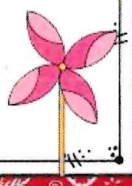
PROMPT #9

DESCRIBE THREE ACTIVITIES YOU COULD DO WITH SIDEWALK CHALK.

PROMPT #10

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS HAVING A BLOCK PARTY AND YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE MENU AND THE GAMES. SHARE THREE FOOD ITEMS YOU WOULD MAKE OR BRING TO THE BLOCK PARTY. WHAT GAMES WOULD YOU COME UP WITH THAT WERE UNIQUE AND FUN FOR OTHERS TO PLAY?



PROMPT #11

YOUR NEIGHBORS SET UP A LEMONADE STAND EVERY OTHER DAY. YOU SEE THAT THEY ARE MAKING A GOOD AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT ARE SPENDING A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LEMONADE AND BUY THE CUPS. COME UP WITH ANOTHER BUSINESS IDEA THAT YOU COULD DO IN ORDER TO MAKE MONEY. WHAT WOULD YOU SELL? WHY WOULD YOU SELL THIS ITEM(S)? HOW WOULD YOU GUARANTEE THAT YOU MADE A PROFIT?

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PROMPT #12

A LOCAL DONUT SHOP HAS CLOSED. THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN SAYS THAT HE WILL ALLOW THE PERSON WITH THE BEST BUSINESS IDEA TO USE THIS SPACE RENT FREE. WHAT TYPE OF STORE OR SHOP WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO RUN IF THE MAYOR GAVE YOU THIS OPPORTUNITY? WHY?

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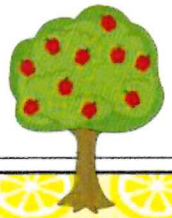
PROMPT #13

THE FRUIT CROPS DID NOT GROW VERY WELL IN THE SPRING MONTHS. THEREFORE THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN FRUIT. IF YOU COULD ONLY EAT THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FRUIT FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER, WHICH THREE FRUITS WOULD YOU CHOOSE? CREATE THREE DIFFERENT RECIPES USING THESE THREE DIFFERENT FRUITS.



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PROMPT #14

A PLOT OF LAND HAS BEEN DONATED TO YOUR TOWN BY AN ELDERLY MAN THAT WANTED TO HAVE HIS HOUSE DEMOLISHED AND HIS LAND DONATED AFTER HE PASSED AWAY. THE TOWN IS STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH THE BEST IDEA FOR THIS LAND IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF DIFFERENT AGES. WRITE A PROPOSAL SHARING WHAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE DONE WITH THIS LAND AND CITE THREE REASONS WHY IN ORDER TO VALIDATE YOUR IDEAS. DRAW A BLUEPRINT OF YOUR IDEA FOR THE LAND.

PROMPT #15

AN AMUSEMENT PARK DEVELOPER HAS BEEN SPOTTED IN THE AREA. HE IS TRYING TO DECIDE HOW TO DEVELOP A FAMILY-FRIENDLY AMUSEMENT PARK. DETERMINE 5 RIDES THAT SHOULD BE BUILT AT THE NEW AMUSEMENT PARK. DETERMINE A NAME. CREATE AN ILLUSTRATION. AND DESCRIPTION FOR EACH.

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PROMPT #16

THE STATE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED TO BAN ALL SODA CONSUMPTION FOR KIDS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. WRITE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR SUPPORTING HIS DECISION OR CHALLENGING HIS DECISION. CITE THREE SPECIFIC REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR POSITION.

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PROMPT #17

IT HAS BEEN POURING RAIN FOR TEN STRAIGHT DAYS. COME UP WITH AND SHARE THREE DIFFERENT GAMES THAT COULD BE PLAYED OUTSIDE IN THE POURING RAIN. CREATE NAMES, PROVIDE DIRECTIONS FOR HOW TO PLAY, AND CREATE A LIST OF RULES.

PROMPT #18

YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHOICE OF WORKING WITH A LOCAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY OR IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER. CITE THREE REASONS YOU WOULD WANT TO WORK FOR THE LANDSCAPING COMPANY OR THREE REASONS WHY YOU WOULD WANT TO WORK AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER.

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PROMPT #19

YOU HAVE AN ALLOWANCE, BUT IT IS NOT AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE. THEREFORE YOU DECIDE TO START A DOG-WALKING BUSINESS. DESIGN AND CREATE A FLYER THAT ADVERTISES YOUR NEW BUSINESS ADVENTURE. YOU NEED A NAME, HOURS OF SERVICE, FEE, AND AN EYE-CATCHING DESIGN TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS.

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PROMPT #20

THE S'MORE IS THE QUINTESSENTIAL SUMMER TREAT. SITTING BY A CAMPFIRE, ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS, THEN COMBINING WITH GRAHAM CRACKERS AND CHOCOLATE, SMOOSHED TOGETHER CREATES A PERFECT HANDHELD SNACK. A LOCAL CHOCOLATE COMPANY IS HAVING A CONTEST. A $1,000 PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL THAT COMES UP WITH THE NEXT BIG SUMMER TREAT. ONE INGREDIENT MUST BE CHOCOLATE, BUT THE OTHER INGREDIENTS CAN BE OF ANY VARIETY. COME UP WITH A $1,000 CHOCOLATY SNACK IDEA. WHAT OTHER INGREDIENTS ARE NEEDED? HOW IS THE TREAT MADE? WHAT IS THIS TREAT'S NAME?