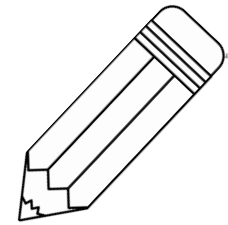
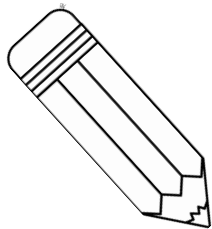


# September

## Writing Topic Grid

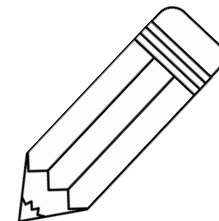


Write about your most embarrassing moment.	Do you have any pets? If so, what are they? If not, what would you want to get?	Write about your family: the people in it, what they are like, etc.	FREE CHOICE
Write an entry using this opening sentence: <b>I'll never forget the time when...</b>	Write a letter trying to persuade your teacher to get (or NOT get) a class pet.	What would you do if you woke up and there was no money? How would things work?	Should students go to school year round, with two weeks at school, then two weeks off? Explain why or why not.
What is one invention that already exists that you wish YOU thought of? Why?	FREE CHOICE	Create a holiday and explain why we should celebrate it.	Describe what makes a good friend. What are some things good friends do?
What was the most important day of your life so far? Why? Explain in detail what happened.	If you were a teacher, what kinds of rules would you have in your classroom?	Write a paragraph about the United States. Use all of the facts that you know.	Write an entry using this opening sentence: <b>I couldn't believe my eyes. Was this really happening?</b>
FREE CHOICE	Pretend you invented a new ice cream flavor. Describe it and list the ingredients.	What career would you like when you get to be an adult? Write about all of the reasons why.	Write about your favorite vacation.



# October

## Writing Topic Grid



Technology is very important. Write about all of the ways you use technology and why it's so important in our lives.

What is the coolest animal on the planet? Write about all of the reasons why.

If there were a student in your class who felt left out, what would you do to include them?

FREE CHOICE

Who is one of the most important people in your life? Write all about why you chose them.

Staying safe is always important. Write about times you need to stay safe and how you stay safe.

Who is one person from history that you would love to have dinner with? What questions would you ask them?

Write about why it's important to have a good, healthy breakfast every morning.

What is your dream Halloween costume? Describe it in detail.

FREE CHOICE

List all of the things you could do with a pumpkin.

Finish this sentence: I was just about to fall asleep when I heard a loud, scary THUMP...

Bats are nocturnal (only come out at night). If you were nocturnal, describe what you would do all night long.

What are some of your favorite treats to get Trick-or-Treating? What are your least favorites?

If you could raise money to help charity, who would you want to give the money to and why?

Many people collect things. Write about something you collect, or if you don't already, something you would like to collect.

FREE CHOICE

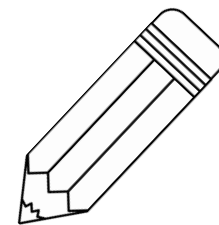
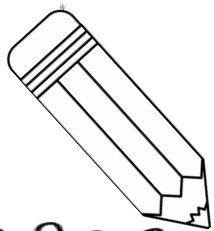
What famous person would you say is your role model, or the person you admire the most? Why?

If you found \$1,000,000 in an envelope on the street, what would you do with it?

Should students be allowed to wear their Halloween costume to school on Halloween? Why or why not?

# November

## Writing Topic Grid



What is nutrition? Write a list of all the nutritious foods you can think of.

If you were principal of our school, what are some things you would do or change?

Do you think a turkey would make a good pet? Write a story about a kid who had a turkey as a pet.

FREE CHOICE

Write about all of the foods that would be at your dream holiday dinner.

Pretend you could have a conversation with a turkey. What would you talk about?

Write about some ways you can help the less fortunate during the holidays.

Write an entry using this opening sentence: *I am thankful for...*

Write about your favorite board game. What is it? Describe how to play it.

FREE CHOICE

Write about the most exciting thing that has ever happened to you.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

Write about a time you felt sad. Why? What did you do to feel happy again?

There are 24 hours in a day. Write about what your day would be like if there were only 6 hours in a day.

If you could give away one thing in your house to someone who needs it, what would you give away and why?

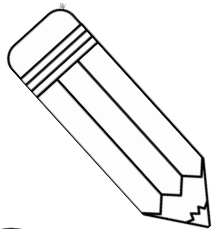
If you had to give up something that you love for one week, what would it be?

FREE CHOICE

Write about your siblings, if you have any. Would you rather be the oldest, the youngest, or in the middle?

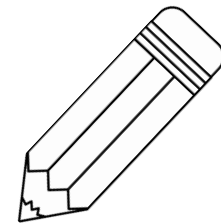
If you could star in a movie, describe the kind of character you'd like to be.

If you had a day off of school to spend helping others, what are some things you would volunteer to do?

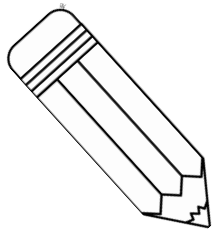


# December

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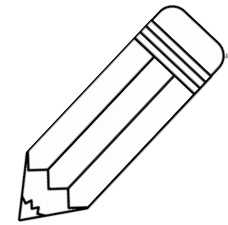


Brrr, it's chilly out! Write about some ways you warm up after being out on a cold day.	If you wanted to travel to the North Pole, write a descriptive paragraph of how you would get there and what it would look like.	What is a gift that you could give someone this holiday season without spending any money?	FREE CHOICE
An old quote says that "it is better to give than to receive." What do you think that means? Do you agree?	There are many holidays that people celebrate this season. What holiday do you celebrate? Describe some ways you celebrate.	What is one gift that you made/bought for someone else that you couldn't wait to give to them? Who did you give it to? How did they react?	Holidays are a time to spend with family. Who are some of the family members that you will be spending time with?
What is your favorite part of the holidays? For example, is it the food/family/presents?	FREE CHOICE	Can you list the names of Santa's reindeer? Try to list them all! (HINT: there are 9)	Does your family decorate for the holidays? Describe some of the decorations.
Which of these winter sports is your favorite: skiing, sledding, ice skating, ice hockey, snowmobiling?	What are some activities you enjoy doing in the snow?	If the weather forecast predicted a blizzard, what are some ways you should prepare for it?	Write a journal entry about your day as if you were a snowman.
FREE CHOICE	If you could win \$100 for giving up all electronics (cell phone, computer, TV, etc.) for a day, would you? Why or why not?	If you had to make something for your holiday dinner, what would it be? Describe how to make it?	Do you think gifts should be given during the holidays? Why or why not?

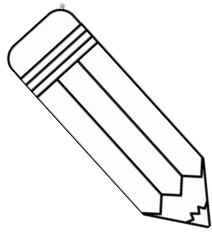


# January

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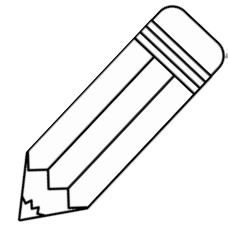


It's a NEW YEAR! If you could change your name to a NEW name, what would it be and why?	What does it mean to be responsible? What are you responsible for at school? At home?	Describe some activities that you do in the afternoons after you get home from school.	FREE CHOICE
January is the month we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Describe all the facts you know about him.	What would our class be like if there were no rules? What rules do you think we could not live without?	If you lost one of your senses, would you rather lose your eyesight, your hearing, or your ability to taste? Explain your answer.	You are a unique and special person. Go ahead and write about all the things that make you special!
Technology and inventions change every day. What do you think will exist in 10 years that doesn't exist now?	FREE CHOICE	In this new year, what is one bad habit you have that you would like to work on? How do you plan on doing that?	Exercising more is a top New Year's resolution. What can you do to be more active every day?
How many siblings do you have? Would you like more, or less? Explain your answer	What would you do if you spotted another student cheating on a test?	Would you rather travel to the moon, Antarctica, or a deserted island by yourself? Explain why.	Has anyone ever told you a secret? Explain why you would or would NOT be a good secret keeper.
FREE CHOICE	The school year is halfway over. What are some things you would still like to work on in school? What goals do you have for yourself?	If you were traveling across the country, would you rather travel in a car, train, or airplane? Explain why.	Describe a typical day in our classroom from the perspective of your pencil.

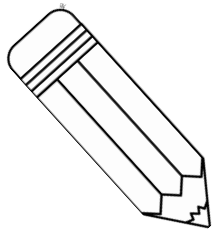


# February

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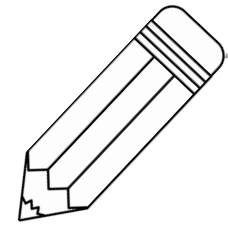


February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day!	Which day of the week is your favorite? Describe why.	February is the month of LOVE. Describe some ways you can let someone know that you love them.	FREE CHOICE
February 17 <sup>th</sup> is Random Act of Kindness Day. What is something kind you can do for someone today without them expecting it?	President's Day is celebrated this month! Why should we honor past presidents with a special holiday?	February 29 <sup>th</sup> is Leap Day, or an extra day in this month. But, it only happens once every 4 years. How would you spend an extra day this month?	Should you have to give a Valentine to every classmate? Explain your opinion.
In your writing journal, design a Valentine card you'd like to give to someone this year.	FREE CHOICE	If you were on a reality show, would it be a show about singing, cooking, dancing, or adventure?	What would you do if you were not allowed to participate in an activity because you are a boy, or because you are a girl?
Describe your style of clothes. Write about how you like to dress.	If you could live in any country for a year, where would you live? Explain your choice.	How much TV do you feel students should be able to watch each day? Explain your answer.	Imagine you are trying to sell a new toy. Decide what toy you would sell and describe a commercial you would create to sell it.
FREE CHOICE	If you could design your dream house, what would it look like? Describe it in detail.	February is Dental Health Month. Explain why it's important to take care of your teeth and what could happen if you don't.	Explain why you would be the perfect babysitter for a younger child.



# March

## Writing Topic Grid



If you were a leprechaun, where would you hide your pot of gold?

An old fashioned saying states that "March comes in like a lion, and out like a lamb." What does that saying mean?

What TV show do you watch the most? Who are the characters? What is the show about?

FREE CHOICE

Describe your perfect "Food Day". What would you want to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

What is one secret talent you have that no one knows about?

Write about a time you were mad at someone in your family. Write about how you resolved it.

If you could design your own T-shirt, what would it say? Draw a picture.

Describe what you would do if you heard a classmate talking negatively about another classmate.

FREE CHOICE

Have you ever read a book and then seen the movie? Which did you like better: the movie or the book?

Imagine your school is trying to raise money for new computers. Brainstorm some ways you could raise money to do that.

What is the difference between a need and a want? Make a T-chart listing some of your needs and some of your wants.

Why do you think leprechauns hide their gold at the end of the rainbow?

Make a list of all of the words/things that represent St. Patrick's Day.

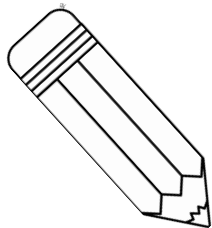
Would you describe yourself as an outgoing person, or a shy person?

FREE CHOICE

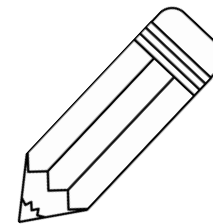
Describe a time where you thought you would lose your patience.

Are you a morning person who likes to wake up early, or a night owl who likes to stay up late?

If you could create a new app, describe what it would be for and what it would do.



# April



## Writing Topic Grid

Do you earn an allowance at home? What do you earn an allowance for?

Earth Day is a day to remember to take care of the earth. Write about the ways you help take care of the earth every day.

Is recycling important? Come up with at least 4 persuasive reasons supporting why or why not.

FREE CHOICE

If you could build the perfect tree house, write about what it would look like and what would be in it.

If you were an Easter egg, name some perfect hiding spots for an Easter egg hunt.

If you were the Easter bunny, what would you put in everyone's Easter baskets?

If you were going to recycle a shoe, what are some of the new things you could make out of it? You may use some or all of the parts.

If you could be one cartoon character for the day, who would you be and why?

FREE CHOICE

If you could be a character in any book, who would you want to be? Why did you choose this character?

What is your favorite dessert? Describe what's in it.

If you were a character in a new book, make a list of character traits the author would use to describe you.

It's springtime! List all of the spring words you can think of.

What is a hobby? Do you have any hobbies? What are they?

If you could move and live anywhere, where would it be? Why?

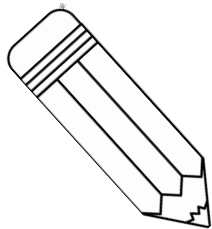
FREE CHOICE

Imagine you were a superhero. What would your superhero name be? What powers would you have?

What is your favorite sport to play or watch? Describe that sport.

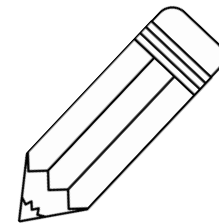
What is your all-time favorite movie? Describe the characters and plot.



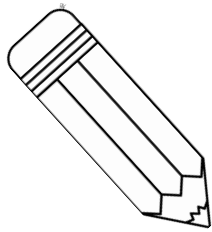


# May

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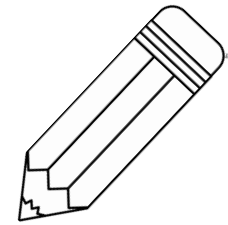


If you had to spend the whole day outside in the beautiful weather, write about what you would do.	List all of the adjectives you can think of to describe your mother or an important woman in your life.	What is your favorite season? Explain all of the reasons why.	Should students have to take state tests? Explain the reasons for your opinion.
What does it mean to appreciate someone? What are some things you can do to show them you appreciate them?	Mother's Day is this month. In your writing journal, design a Mother's Day card, including the outside and what the inside would say.	Write about some chores you are responsible for at home, or ways that you help out around the house.	If you were going to open a restaurant, what would it be called? What are some things that would be on the menu?
If you were going on a picnic, describe what would be in your basket.	Memorial Day honors men and women in the armed forces fighting for our country. Why do you think this holiday is important?	FREE CHOICE	What subject in school this year have you enjoyed the most? Explain why.
What subject in school this year have you struggled with the most? Explain why.	If you could be an author and write any book, what would be the title? What would it be about?	What are 3 things you could do on Memorial Day to honor men and women in the armed forces?	It's BBQ season! What is your favorite thing to eat at a BBQ?
FREE CHOICE	If you could create a special burger, what would it be called? What toppings would be on it?	"Spring cleaning" is a type of organizing grown-ups do when the weather gets nice. Write about some organizing or cleaning you could do.	FREE CHOICE



# June

## Writing Topic Grid



If you were going to start your own business, what type of business would you have?	It's summertime! Brainstorm all of the summer words you can think of.	Describe what you would want to do to celebrate the last day of school.	FREE CHOICE
If you were going away on vacation for a whole week, describe what you would pack in your suitcase.	Where would you rather spend your vacation: the beach, camping, or on a cruise? Explain.	Create a "Top 10 Summer List"...a list of 10 NEW things you want to do/try this summer you've never done before.	Should students have homework or projects over the summer? Explain your opinion
Would you rather have no TV, no computer, or no video games? Explain.	FREE CHOICE	Should schools be allowed to sell treats/junk food in their cafeterias or vending machines? Explain your opinion.	If you could travel to any country, where would you travel to and why?
Write a story starting with this sentence: <b>My stomach was in knots and my hands were shaking. I was so nervous about...</b>	What was your favorite memory from our classroom this year?	Write about your dad or a man that has been very special to you in your life.	If you had to eat one food every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?
FREE CHOICE	Describe some ways you can show your dad, or any special man in your life, that you appreciate them.	If you could take a one day "field trip" anywhere this summer, where would you want to go?	What will you miss most about this school year? What are you looking forward to next school year?

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