CHOICES
For Your Child’s At-Home Writing

PAPER CHOICES
Your child may use loose pages of writing workshop paper, like this:

Or pre-stapled booklets of paper, like this:

WRITING UTENSIL CHOICES
Your child may use pencil, pen, or even thin markers.

Find a writing utensil that is
- Easy to use
- Leaves a clean, easy-to-read mark
- Encourages writing letters & word, or detailed drawings (Preferably not a fat marker, which lends itself more to coloring large areas of the paper

Erasing is optional. A thin line through the mistake is usually best, to encourage your child to write more, and to demonstrate that mistakes are okay!

TOPIC CHOICES
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Encourage your child to:
- Think of a memory that gives them a strong feeling
- Think of something they remember well, even if it’s something very small (Like eating breakfast, or brushing their teeth that morning)
- Focus on just one small moment (Just one part of breakfast, instead of everything from the morning)
- Think of memories that spark interest: Games/Sports, Food, People, First Times/Last Times, Mistakes, Injuries, Trips, Pets, Siblings, School
- At this stage, tell aloud & write lots of quick stories, rather than one long story
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PAPER & SCREEN CHOICES

Your child may use:

- Writing notebook
- Loose-leaf paper
- Chromebook/laptop

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