



Inspire journal writing this summer with creative ideas

The summer is a great time for your child to begin writing in a journal. All he needs is an empty notebook and a few ideas to get started.

Suggest that he keep:

- A research log. Have your child pick a subject he loves, such as skateboarding. Over the summer, he can research and write about it. What are some cool skateboard tricks? How long are skateboards? Who holds records for skateboarding?
- A travel log. Each time he goes somewhere special—whether it's far away or close to home—he can keep a record by taking pictures, drawing or writing notes. What did he see? Who did he meet? What did he think about what he saw?
- An observation log. Suggest that your child observe something over a period of time, such as a summer vegetable as it grows. Or he can pick something to describe in great detail, such as a bug or an animal.

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