

















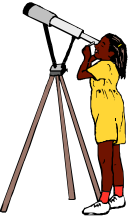



December 2003

Journal/Daily Writing Topics: Winter Wonders!

This winter, when your child **wonders** what to write, find some ideas here! Note that several of the days include web references. Use these sites to get additional information on the topic for that day. Kids: ask your mom for permission and help before using the internet!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>What winter holidays are special in your home? Tell about them!</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Make a list of describing words that come to mind when you think of candy canes. Use your words in a paragraph!</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Olympic skater Katarina Witt was born this day in 1965. If you could be an Olympian, what would your sport be?</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Write sentences where the words of the sentence are in alphabetical order.</p> <p><b>A B C D E F</b></p>	<p>Today, when I am finished with my schoolwork, I'd like to...</p> 
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Long ago.....</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Write a short story. Call it "The Very Strange Winter."</p> 	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>American poet Emily Dickenson was born on this day in 1830. Write a poem of your own!</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>One day, when I went to take a bath, there was a big fish in the tub...</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>I'll always remember when.</p> 
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>On Dec. 14, 1911 explorers reached the South Pole. Describe what you think they saw. <a href="http://astro.uchicago.edu/cara/southpole.edu/">http://astro.uchicago.edu/cara/southpole.edu/</a></p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born this day in 1770. Write about a favorite holiday song.</p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>The Wright brothers made the first airplane flight this day in 1903. Where would you like to fly?</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>If I could travel to the snow...</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>The dreidel is associated with Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. Tell about it. <a href="http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/chanukah/about.html">http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/chanukah/about.html</a></p> 
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Winter officially begins today! Write about snowflakes!</p>  <p><a href="http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/">http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/</a></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Now that it is vacation time...</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>A gift doesn't have to come in a box. Tell about a gift you could give from your heart!</p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Today the Christian world celebrates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Would you like this day to be your birthday?</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>The Kwanzaa celebration begins today. Do some research, and write a paragraph about it. <a href="http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/">http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/</a></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Today, I think I'll...</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Born today in 1865 was author Rudyard Kipling. Be an author yourself today. Write a story!</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>One wish I have for 2004 is...</p> 