

Once again, the academic focus of our 2018-2019 school year is *writing*. With this focus in mind, we are asking that you purchase a notebook for your child to use as a “*Writer’s Notebook*.” A Writer’s Notebook is a place where students can record the way they experience the world around them. Students will record thoughts and feelings, ask questions, make observations, explore topics, remember and reflect, scribble, sketch, make inferences, lists, and quite simply, *WRITE!* Teachers will work with students to notice patterns in their writing as well as patterns they observe when authors write. Students will use these patterns to enhance their writing. Students may choose pieces they have written in their notebooks to elaborate on and publish.

Many stores carry interesting notebooks. On your travels this summer, have your child pick a notebook that *speaks* to them. Coles has a nice selection. Please ensure it is 8” x 10” to have enough space to write. Ask your child to personalize it and send it with their school supplies. Below you will find some pictures of notebooks they sell at Coles. Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

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