Prewriting Ideas

Use these prewriting ideas to help you find writing topics. You can also use these ideas to help you focus, explore, or narrow your topic. Note: These activities have been addressed to the children, as you will be reading the activities aloud to them.

► **Brainstorming objects**  Draw or list things you could describe. Then list words that describe each object.

► **Brainstorming places**  Draw or list places you could describe. Then list words that describe each place.

► **Brainstorming people**  Draw or list people you could describe. Then list words that describe each person.

► **Using sense memories**  Think of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and feelings you remember. Where were you at the time? What were you doing? Tell about one of those experiences.

► **Talking and listening in pairs**  Work with a partner. Take turns describing a person or a thing. Have your partner guess whom or what you are describing.

► **Showing and telling**  Show an object to your classmates. Have them describe it.

► **Observing**  Carefully study a person, an animal, or a thing. Use words and pictures to tell how it looks, sounds, smells, acts, and feels.

► **Looking at art**  Look at paintings, photos, or drawings. List words that describe what you see.

► **Listening to music**  Close your eyes and listen to music. Use words and pictures to tell what you think of and what you feel.

► **Dramatizing**  Pretend to be a character in a play. Act out a scene. Then have your classmates describe your character.