CLASS JOURNAL WRITING PLAN

It’s time to get writing, Grade 8!

 Daily writing is about activating your brain, and getting ideas on the page that we can then come back to later. Since speed is more important than accuracy for this daily writing, spelling and grammar will not be marked. You will receive 2 marks for each entry based on a minimum of one page.

 When required, usually about once a month, you will choose a piece of writing to polish and perfect. This writing will be marked for creativity and style and mechanical correctness.

 TOPICS

DO FIVE FROM EACH CATEGORY.

WEEK ONE AND TWO: DESCRIPTION

 1. Describe your bedroom or your favourite room.

 2. Your favourite place.

 3. A teacher, relative or friend you will never forget.

 4. Your favourite pet or type of animal(s).

 5. Your favourite food or meal.

 6. A description of your choice.

WEEK THREE AND FOUR: PROCESS

 1. How to stay in bed as late as possible but still gets to school on time.

 2. How to make the best TV snack (or a meal).

 3. How to get along with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 4. How to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (use a hobby)

 5. How to pick the best place to eat.

 6. How to get to your favourite place.

WEEK FIVE AND SIX: COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

 1. The person you are and the person you would like to be.

 2. Two different types of music or groups.

 3. You and a friend.

 4. Two fast foods places.

 5. Two sports or two seasons.

 6. Your choice of two things to compare.

WEEK SEVEN AND EIGHT: CLASSIFYING

 1. Movies -- good ones and bad ones.

 2. Different groups in your school or community.

 3. Different types of TV commercials.

 4. The different types of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shoes, skiis etc.)

 5. Different ways of getting downtown.

 6. Your choice.

WEEK NINE AND TEN: ARGUMENT (FOR AND AGAINST) Present both sides.

 1. A school rule.

 2. Capital punishment

 3. Heavy metal music.

 4. Microwaveable KD.

 5. Speed limits on highways.

 6. Minimum wage.

 7. Your choice.

WEEK ELEVEN AND TWELVE: DEFINITION -- Always give examples

 1. School is .........

 2. Friendship is ..........

 3. The most serious problems in society

 4. A good movie is........

 5. The best holiday is......

 6. Your choice.