

Celebrate Writing 2011

“My Perfect Day...”

Each year students are given the opportunity to be published in a book of student writings. You and your student(s) will each receive a copy at the *Celebration of the Stars* event, held May 17, 2011. Stay tuned for more information on that event. “My Perfect Day...” is the prompt for this year’s writing. There are many different aspects you can help your student explore. This day can be real or imaginary; it can already have occurred or it might happen in the future. As always, we encourage you to incorporate literacy.

Gathering Ideas

Help your student gather ideas to write about by using some brainstorming techniques: freewriting, mapping, drawing, even visualization – you could have them close their eyes and imagine their perfect day. Below are some questions that may help get things started.

- What are your hobbies?
- What do you enjoy doing?
- What do you find relaxing?
- What would you like to be able to do?
- How does what you are learning contribute to a perfect day?
- What things can you do now that you were not able to do before coming to Literacy Volunteers?
- When is your favorite time of day?
- What are your favorite foods?
- What do you like to eat and drink?
- Who are the people you like to spend time with?
 - These people can be dead or alive; or even a fictional character in a book or movie.
- Where is your favorite place to be?
- What kind of weather do you enjoy?
- What kind of animals do you like? Why?

Writing

Once you have decided on some core items they want included in their perfect day, help them to organize in some fashion – by importance, or the order in which they would occur. Don’t forget to be very descriptive. What are the sounds, smells, shapes, colors, tastes? What activities are they doing? How are they feeling?

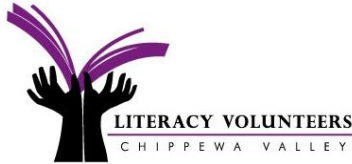
Revising and Editing

We want to maintain the integrity of each student’s work as much as possible. While you can make sure that the sentences are complete and the words are spelled correctly, any edits should be demonstrated within the student’s learning curve.

How to Submit...

Stories can be submitted anytime, but must be received by **March 21, 2011**. Early entries are encouraged! In addition to their story, please return this signed release form allowing us to publish their writings. There are several ways to submit:

- 1) Type it in Word and attach it in an email to **lreisinger@lvcv.org**.
- 2) Leave the story and signed release form at any Literacy Volunteers' office.
- 3) Mail the story and signed release form to the Eau Claire County office.



Release Form

By signing this form, I give Literacy Volunteers — Chippewa Valley permission to include the attached story in *Celebrate Writing*, the annual book of student writings. I also allow the use of my writing in other publications or presentations that promote literacy.

Date: _____

County: (circle one) Chippewa Dunn Eau Claire

Student's Name: _____

_____ I want my name printed with my story.

_____ Do **not** print my name with my story.

Student's Signature: _____

Tutor's Name: _____

Tutor's phone or email: _____

Is there a title? _____

Please bring or mail this form by **March 21, 2011** (or sooner) to any Literacy Volunteers' Office. You can also hand it to any staff person.

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