



March Writing Prompt Menu



1. Make a list of things to do instead of watching t.v.	2. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book? Why is this book your favorite?	3. Finish this story: One day, I saw a leprechaun hiding in my desk.
4. Write a poem about spring.	5. What would you do if you found a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow?	6. What topic do you know a lot about? Write as much as you can about your topic.
7. Finish this sentence: I am lucky because_____.	8. If you could ask a leprechaun anything, what would you ask?	9. What season is your favorite? Why is this season your favorite?
10. Write everything you learned about a famous woman in history.	11. What do you still want to learn this year?	12. Write directions for how to catch a leprechaun.

How To Use

Although writing prompts are not new, I recently began using writing prompt menus with my students when they are at the writing station. Previously, at the writing station, students had been given the freedom to choose their own topic to write about in their journals, or to choose from another writing activity (anything from stamping and writing sentences to putting word cards together to create meaningful sentences). Although these extra activities have their place, the students' writing was not what I wanted it to be (and they hardly wrote in their journals). After doing some research, I decided to simplify my writing station. I removed all writing activities except for the writing journals. I created a monthly writing prompt menu to provide my students some support with their writing topics, as I noticed that some students still had a lot of difficulty choosing what to write about. Students do not have to use these prompts, as they can still write on a topic of their choice. But, I have noticed that many students do use the prompts with success.

At each station "check-in", students who were in the writing station read their writing to the class. This has increased motivation and accountability tremendously.

I recommend laminating a few and placing them in your writing station.

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