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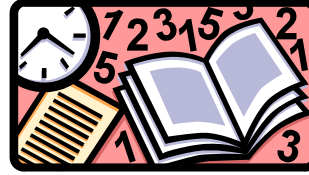
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Writing Process

Basic Steps for the Writing Process:



- Brain storming for topic
- Gather information for selected topic
- Organize ideas. Re-write in proper order.
- Eliminate unnecessary information; add needed information.
- Write a “sloppy” or rough draft to simply get ideas down on paper.
- Continue to revise. Make grammar and sentence structure corrections.
Edit one last time, check for any overlooked mistakes.

Not everything the child writes has to go through this process. Let them write for fun. Encourage them to journal. But on a regular basis, have selected writing samples be subjected to the writing process. Start preparing them while they are young.

Learning how to write effectively is an important skill for all to accomplish. If you are intimidated by teaching your child proper writing skills or are apprehensive in expecting your child to follow through from rough draft to final draft, you are not alone.

There are excellent resources in bookstores and on the web to guide parents in teaching their child to become accomplished writers. Goggle “Writing Process” and mingled in the multi-million dollar resources, you will find free information. Paradigm Online Writing Assistant, www.powa.org is interactive and offers detailed information in bite size pieces. Every student should also own a hard copy of a writing and grammar “handbook”. Check out Write Source publisher handbooks.

Other options are to trade off skills with other homeschooling families. You're great in math and your friend's strong point is writing. You teach the children math, she teaches the children writing.

Homeschool co-ops are readily available and often offer writing classes.