

"1st Grade Writing Wizard's Menu"

"CUB" Choices:

<p><u>Name Game</u> Write your friends' names. Draw a picture next to each person.</p>	<p><u>Wish List</u> Finish Me Sentence: "My First Grade wishes are..."</p>	<p><u>My Friends</u> What do your friends like to do for fun? Draw or write your answer.</p>	<p><u>My Family</u> Illustrate and label your family members.</p>	<p><u>My Pets</u> How many pets do you have? What is your favorite animal?</p>
<p><u>Alphabet Writing</u> Write letters A through Z in capital and lower case formation.</p>	<p><u>Let's Go Shopping...</u> Write a shopping list for the Grocery Store.</p>	<p><u>Draw It!</u> Illustrate and label your classroom environment.</p>	<p><u>First, Middle, Last</u> Write your first, middle and last name 3 x each.</p>	<p><u>I Like ...</u> Begin a sentence with "I like..."</p>

"CAT" Choices:

<p><u>Silly Sentences</u> Write as many silly sentences as you can (i.e. The hat ran up the hill.)</p>	<p><u>Tall & Small Letters</u> Practice writing upper and lower case letters (3 times each).</p>	<p><u>Calendar Concepts</u> Write the days of the week and the months in a year. What is today's date?</p>	<p><u>Character Counts</u> Who are the characters in your weekly Harcourt story?</p>	<p><u>Authors & Illustrators</u> List the Authors and Illustrators of your favorite books.</p>
<p><u>Top Ten</u> Make a list of your favorite things (i.e. foods, toys, games, books, animals, etc.)</p>	<p><u>Ant Hill</u> Draw a picture of an ant hill. What are the ants doing inside?</p>	<p><u>Movie Mania</u> Find your top 5 favorite movies and list their main characters.</p>	<p><u>Healthy Snacks</u> Find 5 healthy snack items in your pantry. Make a list.</p>	<p><u>Super Specials</u> Write about your favorite Special at school.</p>

"TIGER" Choices:

<p><u>Story Telling</u> Illustrate and write about the setting in a book you like.</p>	<p><u>Brain Storming</u> Make a list of writing ideas for future writing projects.</p>	<p><u>Let's Chat</u> Email your teacher. Use the CUSD site to find your teacher.</p>	<p><u>Friendly Letter</u> Write a friendly letter to a family member or friend.</p>	<p><u>Sequence A Story</u> Write beginning, middle and end parts of a book you just read.</p>
<p><u>Me on the Map!</u> Practice writing your name, address and phone numbers.</p>	<p><u>Journal</u> Start a journal or diary for your thoughts.</p>	<p><u>Poetry Pals</u> Make a list of rhyming words.</p>	<p><u>Asking Sentences</u> Write 5 asking sentences to describe the things you might find in a box.</p>	<p><u>Sentence Parts</u> Make a list of Nouns. Group them according to Person, Place or Thing.</p>

* Please encourage your child to choose a different menu item each time. Make it FUN and INTERACTIVE! Provide guidance while choosing menu options to accommodate individual learning styles. Remember to always "challenge" your child and yourself!