

# Wonder Writers: Working with Your Young Writer at Home

## Creative Writing

### Generating Ideas:

- Fortune Cookie Stories- try and see if you can build a story around the fortune you get in a fortune cookie
- Share a story- take turns telling a story. Start a sentence, and let your child make up the next sentence. Keep practicing and see if you can make up a story with a logical beginning, middle and end
- Photo Stories- cut pictures from magazines. Use the stories to build a story about what's happening in the pictures.

### Have Resources Available:

- Have notebooks and lined paper available should your child want to write.
- If your child has a story to tell, sit down at the computer together and type the story she tells you. It can be inspiring for a child to see their story come to life in front of them, even if they aren't writing it down themselves. Let them do the illustrations.
- Create books for your child to write in. You will need white copy paper and a piece of construction paper. Fold and staple. Now your child has a book to write their story in!

### "Publishing" Stories:

Create a cover, title page, contents and about the author. Staple together, and you have a book!

For a special occasion, you may also look into creating a hardbound book using an online source such as First Edition Originals or Shutterfly.

