

Grade 4 Writing Prompts –

Week 1: All About Me (New Year, New Goals)

Main Prompt: Write 8–10 sentences describing yourself—your likes, hobbies, favorite foods, and things that make you happy.

Extension Prompt: Write down 3 goals you have for this school year and how you'll try to reach them.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your writing with your family or add it to your portfolio.

Creative Add-On: Create a poster titled “This is Me!” with drawings or cut-out pictures.

Week 2: My Favorite Animal

Main Prompt: Choose an animal you love and write a short report describing its habitat, behavior, and what makes it special.

Extension Prompt: Write from the animal's point of view: “A Day in My Life.”

Real-Life Tie-In: Watch a nature documentary or read an animal book and add a new fact.

Creative Add-On: Create a habitat diorama or draw the animal in its environment.

Week 3: How-To Writing

Main Prompt: Write a step-by-step guide on how to do something you know well—make a snack, build a LEGO model, etc.

Extension Prompt: Add safety tips or suggestions to make it more fun.

Real-Life Tie-In: Test your steps on someone—can they follow your directions?

Creative Add-On: Illustrate each step or make a mini “instruction booklet.”

Week 4: My Dream Vacation

Main Prompt: Write about where you would go if you could travel anywhere. What would you see, do, and eat there?

Extension Prompt: Plan the trip with a pretend schedule of daily activities.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up pictures or facts about the place you chose.

Creative Add-On: Create a postcard or travel brochure with images and captions.

Week 5: What I Love About Reading

Main Prompt: Write about your favorite book or series and what makes it so enjoyable.

Extension Prompt: Rewrite the ending of the story your way.

Real-Life Tie-In: Tell someone about the book and why they should read it.

Creative Add-On: Design a new book cover or write a book review.

Week 6: The Best Meal Ever

Main Prompt: Describe your favorite meal—what it smells like, tastes like, and why you love it.

Extension Prompt: Write a pretend restaurant menu with that dish and 3 others.

Real-Life Tie-In: Help cook or prep part of the meal and write a chef's note.

Creative Add-On: Draw your meal as a fancy restaurant dish.

Week 7: My Superpower

Main Prompt: If you had a superpower, what would it be and how would you use it for good?

Extension Prompt: Create a short story where you save the day.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk about real-life heroes and how they help others.

Creative Add-On: Design a superhero costume and logo.

Week 8: My Favorite Season

Main Prompt: Write about your favorite season—what makes it special, and what you love to do during it.

Extension Prompt: Create a story that takes place in that season.

Real-Life Tie-In: Go outside and describe what the current season looks and feels like.

Creative Add-On: Create a calendar page or drawing for your favorite season.

Week 9: A Special Memory

Main Prompt: Write about a day you'll never forget—what happened, who was there, and how it made you feel.

Extension Prompt: Write a letter to someone who was part of that day.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look through photos and add a few details you had forgotten.

Creative Add-On: Draw a memory snapshot to go with your story.

Week 10: A Time I Was Brave

Main Prompt: Describe a moment when you were scared but chose to be brave.

Extension Prompt: Write advice for someone who's afraid to try something new.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your story with a sibling or friend who needs encouragement.

Creative Add-On: Create a mini-poster that says "Be Brave" with your story quote.

Week 11: The World's Best Invention

Main Prompt: Invent something brand new and explain how it works and how it helps people.

Extension Prompt: Write an ad to convince people to buy it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up an invention that changed history and write one interesting fact.

Creative Add-On: Design the product with labels and instructions.

Week 12: My Life as a Bug

Main Prompt: Pretend you've turned into a bug for one day. What kind are you, where do you go, and what do you do?

Extension Prompt: Tell your story in journal form: "Dear Diary, Today I..."

Real-Life Tie-In: Observe a bug outside and note what it's doing.

Creative Add-On: Make a bug's-eye view drawing of the world around you.

Week 13: My Ideal Day

Main Prompt: If you could plan the perfect day from start to finish, what would it look like?

Extension Prompt: Write it as a diary entry, like it really happened.

Real-Life Tie-In: Choose one part of your dream day that you could do this week.

Creative Add-On: Create a timeline or comic strip showing your ideal day.

Week 14: A Letter to Someone I Admire

Main Prompt: Write a letter to someone you look up to—someone in your family, church, or community.

Extension Prompt: Share how they've inspired you and one thing you've learned from them.

Real-Life Tie-In: Deliver or read your letter to them if possible.

Creative Add-On: Decorate your letter with symbols or artwork related to that person.

Week 15: My Dream Job

Main Prompt: What job would you love to have someday? What would you do and why would you enjoy it?

Extension Prompt: Describe one full day at your dream job.

Real-Life Tie-In: Interview someone with a job you're interested in or research it online.

Creative Add-On: Create a name badge or business card for your future self.

Week 16: The Best Gift I've Ever Received

Main Prompt: Describe a gift you received that meant a lot to you. Who gave it to you, and why was it special?

Extension Prompt: Write about a gift you've given to someone else.

Real-Life Tie-In: Make a list of 5 non-toy gifts that show love or kindness.

Creative Add-On: Draw or collage your "top 3" meaningful gifts.

Week 17: What If I Lived in the Past?

Main Prompt: Choose a time in history and imagine living there. What would your life be like?

Extension Prompt: Write a story about a regular day in that time period.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a short biography or watch a video about that time in history.

Creative Add-On: Make a timeline of your chosen time period.

Week 18: Nature Is Amazing!

Main Prompt: Write about your favorite part of nature—mountains, oceans, forests, or something in your backyard.

Extension Prompt: Write a poem describing a natural place or creature.

Real-Life Tie-In: Go on a nature walk and write down five things you observe.

Creative Add-On: Create a nature journal page with drawings and notes.

Week 19: A Story About Friendship

Main Prompt: Write a story about two people who become unlikely friends.

Extension Prompt: Add a challenge they have to overcome together.

Real-Life Tie-In: Write a note to a friend to thank them for something.

Creative Add-On: Design a "Friendship Flag" with symbols that represent a strong friendship.

Week 20: The Mystery of the Hidden Box

Main Prompt: Write a mystery story that starts with you finding a strange box in your backyard.

Extension Prompt: Create clues and a twist ending.

Real-Life Tie-In: Hide a treasure and write a real scavenger hunt for your family or friends.

Creative Add-On: Draw the mysterious box and label its contents.

Week 21: If I Were President

Main Prompt: What would you do if you were in charge of the country for one day?

Extension Prompt: Write a pretend speech you would give to the nation.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a fun fact about how presidents are elected or what they do.

Creative Add-On: Create a campaign poster with your name and your top 3 promises.

Week 22: My Favorite Bible Character

Main Prompt: Choose a Bible character you admire and explain who they are and what makes them inspiring.

Extension Prompt: Write about what you would do if you could spend one day with them.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read their story in the Bible and write one verse that stood out.

Creative Add-On: Draw a scene from their life that you find powerful.

Week 23: The Day the Power Went Out

Main Prompt: Write a story about what happened when the power went out and everyone had to live without electronics.

Extension Prompt: Add a twist—something unexpected happens while the lights are off.

Real-Life Tie-In: Have a screen-free evening and write about what you did instead.

Creative Add-On: Draw a scene of your house lit by candlelight or flashlights.

Week 24: An Interview with My Future Self

Main Prompt: Pretend you are being interviewed 20 years in the future. What are you doing with your life?

Extension Prompt: Write the interview as a conversation between reporter and “future you.”

Real-Life Tie-In: Write a goal list of 5 things you hope to achieve by adulthood.

Creative Add-On: Create a newspaper article or magazine cover about “future you.”

Week 25: What Makes a Great Leader?

Main Prompt: Describe what qualities make someone a great leader and give an example.

Extension Prompt: Write about a time you led something—big or small.

Real-Life Tie-In: Learn about a leader in history or the Bible and write one thing you admire about them.

Creative Add-On: Create a “leader badge” with 3 traits every good leader should have.

Week 26: A Letter to God

Main Prompt: Write a letter to God telling Him what’s on your heart today—your worries, thanks, or questions.

Extension Prompt: Write a second letter imagining what He might lovingly say back to you.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a Psalm that sounds like a letter to God and reflect on it.

Creative Add-On: Decorate your letter with designs, borders, or stickers.

Week 27: If I Could Talk to Animals

Main Prompt: Imagine you woke up with the ability to talk to animals. What would you say—and what might they say to you?

Extension Prompt: Write a story where you help an animal solve a problem.

Real-Life Tie-In: Visit a pet shelter website and learn about how animals are cared for.

Creative Add-On: Create a “translation chart” of what certain animal sounds really mean.

Week 28: A Time I Made a Mistake

Main Prompt: Write about a time you made a mistake. What happened, and what did you learn?

Extension Prompt: Write advice to someone else who might go through the same thing.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk with a parent or mentor about a mistake they learned from.

Creative Add-On: Create a comic showing how the mistake turned into growth.

Week 29: The Secret Garden Door

Main Prompt: You find a hidden door in the garden. Where does it lead? What do you discover?

Extension Prompt: Add a magical twist—what happens if you return the next day?

Real-Life Tie-In: Visit a park or garden and describe the colors, sounds, and smells.

Creative Add-On: Draw a map of your magical garden world.

Week 30: A Day Without Words

Main Prompt: Imagine you couldn't speak for one whole day. How would you communicate?

Extension Prompt: Write a story where this actually happens to a character.

Real-Life Tie-In: Try using only gestures or drawings to give a message to someone.

Creative Add-On: Make a “picture vocabulary” chart to show how you'd say hello, ask for food, etc.

Week 31: I Am Thankful For...

Main Prompt: Make a list of five things you're thankful for—and choose one to write about in detail.

Extension Prompt: Write a short thank-you note to someone who helps you in daily life.

Real-Life Tie-In: Start a gratitude journal with one thankful thought each morning or evening.

Creative Add-On: Make a “thankfulness wreath” with paper leaves labeled with blessings.

Week 32: The Great Toy Invention

Main Prompt: Invent a new toy or game and explain how it works and why kids would love it.

Extension Prompt: Write a short story about a kid who discovers your invention.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up the history of a favorite toy—who invented it and why?

Creative Add-On: Design the packaging or instruction manual for your toy.

Week 33: My Testimony (My Faith Story)

Main Prompt: Write about your faith—how you came to believe in God, or how you've seen Him work in your life.

Extension Prompt: Share one way you want to grow closer to God this year.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk with a parent or pastor about their faith story.

Creative Add-On: Create a bookmark or mini-poster with your favorite Bible verse.

Week 34: If I Could Change the World

Main Prompt: If you could make one big change in the world, what would it be and why?

Extension Prompt: Write a plan of how you'd start that change in your own community.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up a kid or teen who made a difference and write a short summary of their story.

Creative Add-On: Make a slogan, sign, or logo for your cause.

Week 35: What I've Learned This Year

Main Prompt: Write about the most important thing you've learned this school year—about life, faith, or yourself.

Extension Prompt: Write a note to your future self with advice or encouragement.

Real-Life Tie-In: Make a list of your top 5 favorite school moments or accomplishments.

Creative Add-On: Create a "Year in Review" journal page or scrapbook sheet.

Week 36: My End-of-Year Reflection

Main Prompt: Reflect on your writing this year—what have you enjoyed, improved, or surprised yourself with?

Extension Prompt: Choose your favorite piece and rewrite or polish it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your writing portfolio or top pieces with your family.

Creative Add-On: Make a certificate of achievement for your writing journey.