

Independent Reading/Writing Activities

<p>Read a story. <i>Draw pictures of the people in the story. Turn them into puppets and act out a part of the story.</i></p>	<p>Illustrate a paragraph or a page. Use drawings to show what the text means.</p>	<p>Create challenging multiple choice questions about topic. Then exchange the questions.</p>	<p>What will people in the next century want to know about Chicago today? Make a time-capsule of things they should know about us today.</p>	<p>Play Knowledge bingo. Put facts on different squares of a bingo card. Then put the same facts on small pieces of paper. Mix them up and play bingo.</p>	<p>Write a story as a team. Each student writes one sentence, then gives the story to the next student to continue</p>
<p>Make a diagram showing how two things are alike and different. This kind of diagram is called a Venn.</p>	<p>Make a Sports writing game. Write verbs, nouns, and adjectives on pieces of paper. Then use your words to write sports stories.</p>	<p>Invent a better way to do something. Draw a picture of your invention. Explain how and why people will use it.</p>	<p>Make a Chicago Bears map. Tell where they are playing. Make a key to show what's important about each place.</p>	<p>Read about a topic. Then list your "top ten" important facts about that topic.</p>	<p>Write and draw about yourself ten years from today. Make a time-line of how you get there.</p>
<p>Make a weather graph. Then write a weather report for Chicago birds.</p>	<p>Make a crossword puzzle about a topic you like.</p>	<p>Make a time-line showing what happens in a story. Use words or draw pictures.</p>	<p>Write a description of a place. Give your description to another student. Ask that student to draw the picture of that place.</p>	<p>Make a Chicago alphabet book.</p>	<p>Choose the five most important words on a page. Write clues to help someone else find them on that page--your clues should be challenging.</p>
<p>Make a prefix game. Write prefixes on small pieces of paper. Write words on other pieces. Match prefixes and words. See who can make the most words with the prefix word builders.</p>	<p>You guessed it—it's the suffix game. You play it like the prefix game. In fact, you can put the prefixes and suffixes together with the words and make many more words.</p>	<p>Make picture glossary. Write the meaning of a word on a separate sheet or on a folding flap so that it is not visible. Then draw a picture. Ask another student to guess what the meaning is.</p>	<p>Make the synonym game. Write a word on a piece of paper. Then write its synonym—a word that means the same thing. When you have done 20 words, cut them out and start a card game.</p>	<p>You guessed—it's the Antonym Game. Now write the antonym—a word that means the opposite—for the words in the first game. Now your game is bigger and better because you're learning more.</p>	<p>Your Turn—Make more reading/writing connections.</p>