Journal “Rules”

1. Choose any topic you like.
2. Don’t worry about spelling or anything. Just write!
3. You can also draw a picture with the journal if you’d like to.
4. If you get stuck and can’t find an idea, spend a journal entry just brainstorming.
5. With a parent’s permission, you can contact me anytime to brainstorm!
6. If you start with one idea and you wander into another idea, that’s fine! Just keep writing.
7. Journals can be ANY writing style:

* real or imaginary
* letter
* diary entry
* travel journal
* nature observation
* poem
* a story
* a map and travel notes to a real or imaginary place
* rambling thoughts
* report on a favorite topic
* discussion of something bugging you
* plans for your week
* a description of something (like your room, your favorite place, animals, etc.)
* notes about a book you’re reading
* a letter to a character from a book or as if you are a character from a book
* thoughts about an interesting photo, article, or something from the internet

1. Your journal entries should be about a page long.

*I’ll read your journal entries or we’ll read them in Writer’s Workshop, but your “audience” can be anyone you want.*