

Hello, Teachers & Friends!

On the next page, you will find just one of nine Writer's Notebook Bingo cards my wife ([Dena Harrison](#)) and I created to use during the 2011-12 school year; we have a card for every month that we're in session. If you like the September card on the next page (and its accompanying lesson), please know that we sell our October-May Bingo cards at our website for a mere nine dollars. All proceeds from these sales help us keep our two websites online and free-to-access, and help stock our classroom libraries with some new young adult fiction. **You can order the whole set of nine Bingo Cards by clicking [here](#).**



In addition to the nine Bingo cards, which have 216 writing topics/ideas, purchasers of this product receive special online access to the nine writer's notebook lessons featured in the center space of each month's card. Special access to all nine lessons is granted by purchasing this product. The lessons are:

1. September – [ABC's of Things You Might Write This Year](#) (click link to access September's guided lesson)
2. October – **"Life is a Cookbook"--Recipes across the Curriculum**
3. November – **Sixteen-Word Poem Summaries across the Curriculum**
4. December – **Personifying Vocabulary Words across the Curriculum**
5. January – **Unpacking Metaphors across the Curriculum**
6. February – ***Start & Stop Poems* across the Curriculum**
7. March – ***Rhyming Slogans* across the Curriculum**
8. April – ***The Most Important Thing*--Superlative Paragraphs across the Curriculum**
9. May – **Story-Titles for Summertime Writing**

--Corbett & Dena Harrison, Writing Teachers

September's Bingo Card – Writer's Notebook Challenges

Instructions: After responding to any of the ideas on this page with a decorated ½-page or full-page addition to your writer's notebook, color in the completed box with a yellow highlighter. When you create any "five-in-a-row" Bingos, a "Four Corners," or a complete "Blackout" of the whole card, come and show your teacher to receive a special sticker for your work!

Create a half- or full-page tribute to your favorite food. Use words and pictures!	<i>"Convince Me!" Prompt</i> Think of a school rule you don't like. Write a persuasive argument.	<i>Unusual Nightmares Prompt!</i> Describe and illustrate a bad dream that any <i>invertebrate</i> may have.	Attach an image (photo, magazine, etc.) to a notebook page. Write about it!	<i>What two numbers feud the most?</i> Answer this question creatively in your notebook.
Create a three-panel comic strip that shows a student who doesn't know how to study.	<i>What does a cloud think about?</i> Answer this question creatively in your notebook.	Make a list of good advice for a (real or imaginary) younger brother or sister.	Launch a list or a creative description that captures your idea of a "perfect day."	You're on a deserted island. You're allowed three books and three songs. Which ones?
<i>Personify an Abstract Noun!</i> Choose a day of the week and turn it into a "person."	Celebrate one of your favorite words by turning it into an acrostic poem.	September's Teacher-Guided Lesson <u>ABC's of Things You Might Write This Year</u>	Describe a room in your home from a unique point of view—like an insect's.	Look at your <i>ABC's of Things You Might Write This Year</i> list. Begin one in your notebook!
Create a three-column (nouns, adjs, verbs) word bank on this topic: <i>School Words</i>	Turn a current event into a "recipe" by listing "ingredients" and explaining how to "mix" those ingredients.	Create an advertisement to sell one of your favorite articles of clothing.	<i>"I was totally terrified!"</i> Write a short narrative where this is your first sentence. Illustrate it!	Neatly write down and provide an illustration for a favorite quote you've heard.
Make a list of six writing topics you think your fellow classmates would like to write to.	Write about a real or fictional embarrassing moment. Provide an illustration!	Start a page where you can record your favorite clean jokes. Write 2 or 3 down. Record more on this page as the year progresses.	<i>Weird e-mail correspondence!</i> If a pet could e-mail its owner, what would the e-mail say? Write it!	<i>Worst or best?</i> Put one of these two adjectives in front of the word <i>friend</i> and write about what comes to mind.

Remember, you don't have to use the ideas on this Bingo card; these are simply suggestions if you find yourself needing an idea on a writer's notebook day in class. By the end of the year, I actually expect you to be discovering your own writing ideas for your notebook most of the time.