

Telling Our Stories Writing Prompts—East Side Third Grade Students Yellowstone Gateway Museum April 2020

Tips: Paint a picture with your words. Use descriptive language so when people read your story they can picture what you are talking about or how you feel. Add a lot of details.

Describe your family—list the names of your parents or guardians and if you have them, your brothers and sisters. Do you have grandparents or other family members who live nearby?

Describe where you live. What kind of a house do you live in? Do you have your own room or do you share with a sibling?

Describe your neighborhood.

Have you lived anywhere besides in or near Livingston, Montana? Explain.

Do you have chores—small jobs that your parents ask you to do every day or week? Explain.

Do you have a backyard? Do you invite friends and family to your yard? What do you do there?

How does your family spend holidays? Name a few and describe what you like to do. (Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, religious holidays.)

What is your favorite time of the year and why?

Write about what your parents or guardians do for their work. Do you ever help them? If so, describe how you help.

Who is the most important person to you and why?

Write a story about someone who inspires you.

Write a story about a teacher who has taught you something important.

What are your favorite subjects in school and why do you like them?

Right now, as a third grader, what do you imagine yourself doing as an adult? Why?

What is the most important thing to you? Why?

If you could do anything on a warm summer day, what would it be? Describe this activity.

Do you travel to see friends and family? If so, who do you visit and where do they live? Why do you like going there?

What are your favorite foods? Do you help your parents prepare meals? What do you help with?

What kind of music do you enjoy? What instrument would you like to learn how to play?

Describe physical activities that you enjoy (walking, hiking, fishing, skiing, hunting, swimming, etc.).

What kind of books do you like to read for fun and why?

What things can you do to stay healthy as a student and as an adult?

What would you like to tell people about your life as a third grade student?