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Date: _____

What your child is learning

These pages teach opinion writing (Michigan Kindergarten standard W.K.1). Your child names a topic or a book, says what they think about it, and may add a reason. In kindergarten, composing can be drawing, dictating words to an adult, or writing — all three count.

How the pages build independence

Page 1 — My Favorite: draws a favorite thing and completes “My favorite thing is ...” and, if they wish, “I like it because ...” The small pictures are ideas only — any favorite counts.

Page 2 — My Favorite Book: names a favorite book, draws a scene or character from it, and tells why they like it.

Page 3 — Which Would You Choose?: chooses a zoo visit or a beach visit, draws themselves enjoying it, and says “I would choose ...” with an optional reason.

Page 4 — My Opinion Page: picks any topic, draws it, and writes what they think — no sentence starters, fully their own.

Example responses (examples only)

Page 1: “My favorite thing is my bike. I like it because it goes fast.”

Page 2: “The book is called Brown Bear, Brown Bear. I like this book because it is funny.”

Page 3: “I would choose the beach. I like it because I can dig in the sand.”

Page 4: Topic: “Cats.” — “Cats are soft. I like cats because they sit with me.”

There is no one correct opinion. Whatever your child thinks is the right answer for them.

How to support your child

- Ask your child to say their opinion aloud before they draw or write.
- Drawing counts. Young children compose with pictures first.
- Dictation counts. If your child is not writing yet, write their exact words for them and read them back together.
- Welcome invented spelling. Sounding words out matters more than spelling them correctly right now.
- Reasons are always optional. A simple “I like it” is a complete opinion.