## **Web Sites**

#### Reading:

www.scholastic.com
www.booksshouldbefree.com
http://vision.gnb.ca/
(NB Public Libraries)
www.nationalgeographic.com

### Writing:

www.writingfix.com www.spellingcity.com

#### Poetry:

www.gigglepoetry.com www.poetry4kids.com

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install,

A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

#### From:

<u>Charlie and the Chocolate</u> <u>Factory</u> by Roald Dahl



# Literacy Tips

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# Reading Tips for Parents

- Read yourself. Talk about the reading you do at work and home.
- Do not stop reading to your child. This models good reading.
- Make a time for family reading.
- Allow your child to choose what they read most of the time.
- Encourage reading of newspapers, food labels, brochures, magazines, menus, catalogues, recipes, maps, web sites and instruction books.
- Let your child read to younger children.
- To assist with larger, more complicated words, ask your child to find small familiar words in the larger word.
- It is fine for your child to reread favourite books.
   This helps with reading fluency!
- You may have to help with difficult words sometimes.

- Students should be reading a minimum of 15 minutes per day.
- Get your child a library card, and visit the library often.
- Reading a book series, or other books written by that author are fun for children.
- Play games that involve reading.
- Listen to audio books.
- Some books can be downloaded for free to an MP3 player.
- Give books as gifts.
- If you have difficulty reading yourself, you can still encourage your child to read.
- Visit parks, museums and zoos then find books about favourite exhibits.
- Attend music, theatre and drama events. Listening is an important literacy skill.
- Allow students to use technology to read: E-reader, computer, tablet, etc.

### **Writing Ideas for Students**

- Keep a Captain's Log, a Personal Diary, or a Writing Journal. Write in it often.
- Go to <u>www.writingfix.com</u> and find <u>Writing Prompts</u> on the left menu. Try some of them!
- Start your book of "Top Tens" such as Top Ten Favourite Ice Cream Flavours, Top Ten Pets, or Top Tens of your own.
- Begin your own "How to... Book" -How to bug your older brother, How to skateboard, etc.
- E-mail your cousin, your grandparents or a pen pal.
- Be in charge of writing the family grocery list.
- Write about something funny that happened at breakfast.
- Write a diary of a trash can.
- Pretend you are a bicycle tire.
   Describe your day.
- Write about worms and fishing.
- Write a story that involves a funny smell.
- Make a brochure showing how great your hometown is to visit.
- Write funny photo captions for your family photos.
- Write your own cookbook with favourite family recipes.
- Create your own book of original poetry.
- Share your writing with your family and friends.