

My Book — Planning and Brainstorming

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child begins their capstone writing project: creating a personal book. Today they choose their topic — either 'My Kindergarten Year' memoir or an original story — and plan the pages.

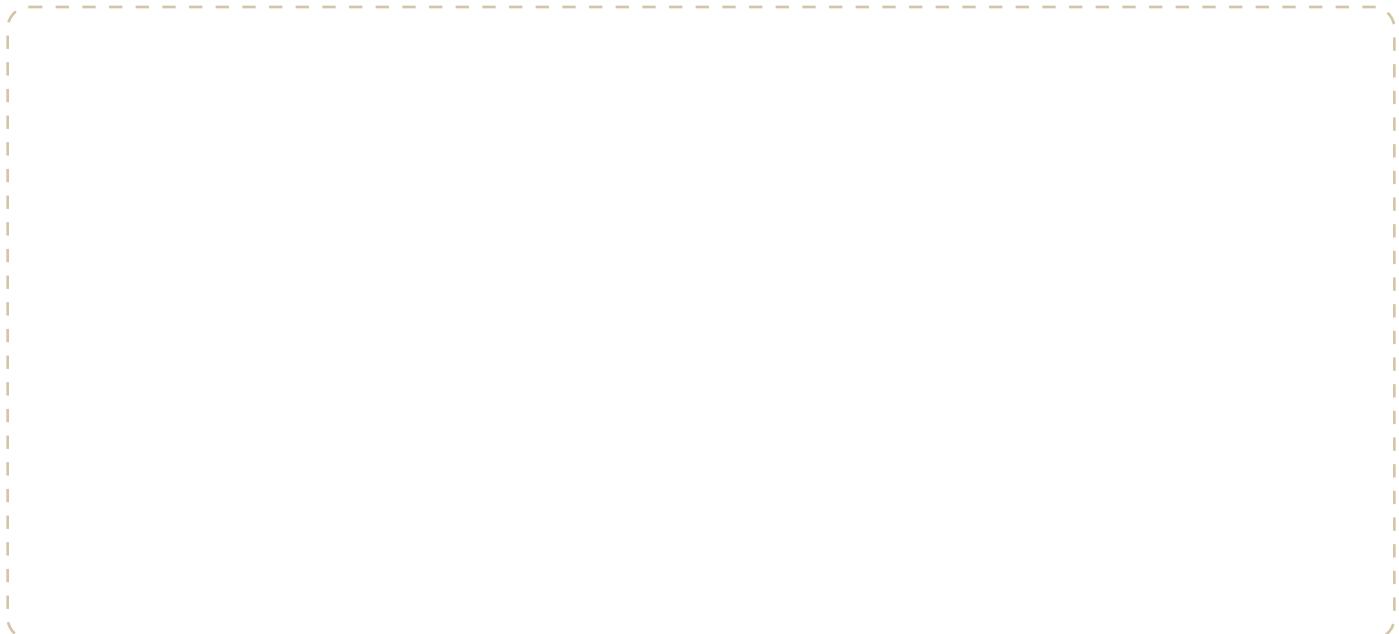
What You Need:

- Blank booklet (6-8 pages, stapled)
- Planning paper
- Pencil
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Examples of simple picture books

Steps:

1. 'This week, you are going to write and illustrate your very own BOOK!'
2. Show examples of both options: a memoir about their year, or an original story.
3. Discuss: 'Which would you like to make? A book about YOUR year, or a make-believe story?'
4. Once the child chooses, brainstorm together. For memoir: list favorite memories from each season. For fiction: who, where, what happens?
5. Create a simple story map or page plan (6-8 pages).
6. Number blank pages and write one sentence plan for each page.
7. 'Tomorrow we start writing!'

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular border occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for children to draw a simple story map or page plan.

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