



First Aid Writing Survival Kit

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Welcome to the wonderful world of writing! We are going to have a lot of fun!
Here's a little gift to you from me. It was made with lots of TLC.
It's just a reminder of the importance of writing and what a good writer should be.

Band Aid: Writing can mend the heart. Keep a journal. Spill your guts daily, it will help you feel better.

Candy: Writing gives you the sweet satisfaction of accomplishment.

Emery Board: Writing can take the rough edges off your day. A final draft makes things better.

Gum: Writing is something you should “chews” to do as a life-long endeavor. “Choose” better descriptive and less worn-out words. Use colorful adjectives and adverbs to describe and make your work “come alive!” Use a thesaurus to help you.

Cotton Ball: Writing softens your workload. If you're a good writer, getting better grades in other subjects is easier. Don't be too “soft” on yourself. Always proof read and edit-edit-edit!

Toothpick: Pick an interesting topic and title. Grab that reader's attention with a “gotcha” and then take them through your story with good transitional sentences.

Sticker: Stick to your topic sentence. Don't wander off track. Most importantly, STICK with writing. The more you write the better you get. Expressing your feelings and communicating with others will improve as well.

Eraser: Practice makes perfect. It's OK to make mistakes along the way, that's how we learn.

Pencil & pen: Have a “bang” of a beginning that introduces, a strong middle that leads you somewhere, and a “wow” (clinger) of an end that sums everything up!

Finally, your kit has a little **ribbon bow** stapled to the bag, for writing is a GIFT you give yourself. You can go anywhere and be anything you want to be when you put it down on paper. Enjoy the journey.