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Let's Read, Let's Write

Dear Girls and Boys,

Why do I write? I write because I love words and putting them together in new ways. Visual artists use paint or water colors or chalk. Writers use words in the languages they know. Because I am bilingual, I use English and Spanish when I write.

How do I write? I sit with a paper and pencil or pen. I also write at my computer. I get very quiet so that I can think of a story I want to write, or maybe I think about a scene I saw. I think of a little girl splashing in a pool. Does she feel cool when she jumps in the water? Does she like the water splashing on her face? Is she laughing? Writing can begin with a picture in my mind or a feeling inside.

Do I re-write? Yes! Just like a painter adds colors or mixes colors, I add or mix words to create new sounds for my readers. I can say, I am quiet or I can say, I am quiet as a leaf.

I write: Splash! Like rain, water drops burst on my face. Think of one scene or memory from this summer. Draw it. Now, write one sentence about your drawing and write a sentence that may have a surprise word. I went to Madrid, Spain last spring. Here is my sentence with a surprise word: In Madrid, the ladies cool themselves with pretty paper fans.

I write because I am a reader. I read every day not because I have to but because I want to. I relax when I read, and I learn when I read. The more I read, the better I write.

I hope you have happy first days at school, that you enjoy playing outside after school, and that you enjoy books every day at school and at home. Readers shine.

Your reading friend,
Pat Mora