

## **What is Independent Writing?**

- Writing begins with ideas, mentor texts, loose parts, play, and/or through discussion.
- Provides opportunities for students to practice a variety of writing forms.
- Promotes a love of writing.

## **To keep in mind:**

- Students often benefit from teacher modelled write first.
- Provide students with talk time before writing.
- Explore options with technology, as a tool to support all learners.
- Confer with students on their writing while others are working.
- Encourage students to set goals for their writing, and provide time for learners to reflect on their goals. Early learners will need support in setting goals.
- Allow large, uninterrupted blocks of time to write.
- Celebrate everyone's writing!