Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.

In these writing activities, students should introduce the topic, use facts and definitions to develop the points that support the topic, and provide a concluding statement.

**Noise? What Noise?**

Have students brainstorm how they use their five senses every day to help them get ready for school. Have students choose one of the five senses to write about. Have them describe what the sense is, how it helps them, and what life might be like without it.

**The Pizza Book**

Have students write their own recipes for a favorite food. The directions they write will reflect their understanding of measurement and cooking and can be quite humorous. Have them include an illustration. You may wish to publish all the recipes together as a class cookbook, which makes a wonderful gift for parents.

**Little Tree**

Have the children think and write about ways to protect their planet. Possible subjects for this assignment are recycling, planting new trees, composting, and picking up litter.