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## CREATING A LANGUAGE RICH LIFESTYLE

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**Goal: To create an environment that fosters a love of language  
and the space for writing and oral expression risks**

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EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE REQUIRES:  
EMOTIONALLY SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR RISK.

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### CONDITIONS TO PROMOTE EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE FLUENCY

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- Rich verbal environment
- Safe environment to take verbal risks
- Rewards for attempts
- Formats and complexity come after fluency
- Stimulating experiences
  - To write well, the experiences need to be rich and experience-drenched.
    - Immersive (all five senses)
    - Novel (new to the child)
    - Imaginative
    - Accessible (age/developmental stage appropriate)
    - Relational (connection to existing base of facts, experiences, knowledge)
    - Real world (not artificially created)

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### ENTER: THE BRAVE WRITER LIFESTYLE

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The following list is a set of practices that expand and nourish a child's mind-life. That life is understood not just through felt-sense, or intuition, but is established and secured through the use of language to remember, reflect, and re-use.



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### ESSENTIAL PRACTICES

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- Copywork/Dictation
- Reading Aloud
- The Writing Process

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### NON-ESSENTIAL PRACTICES

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- One-on-One Time
- Tuesday Poetry Teatimes
- Afternoon Movies
- Art/Nature
- Driver's Seat
- Freewriting
- (Optional: scrapbooking, board games, music, acting, journals, Minecraft)

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### BWL PRINCIPLES

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### THE "ONE THING PRINCIPLE"

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Do one thing at a time. Follow the four steps before adding another "one thing" to your life.

**Pick the "thing" (whatever nags at you, appeals to you, entices you).**

1. Prepare for it
2. Execute the task
3. Experience/enjoy it!
4. Reminisce about it later

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### THE JOY PRINCIPLE

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1. Joy teaches what we can't.
2. Create conditions for joy to occur.
3. When you see joyful kids, remember what you did right.

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### THE NEW THING PRINCIPLE

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1. Habits not drudgery
1. New experiences
2. When in doubt, change it up
3. Clear your coffee tables

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### THE PARTY PRINCIPLE (PARTY SCHOOL)

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1. Turn unit studies into parties
2. Focus creative and academic energy on pleasing guests
3. Take results and use them to write a report

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### NOTES

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