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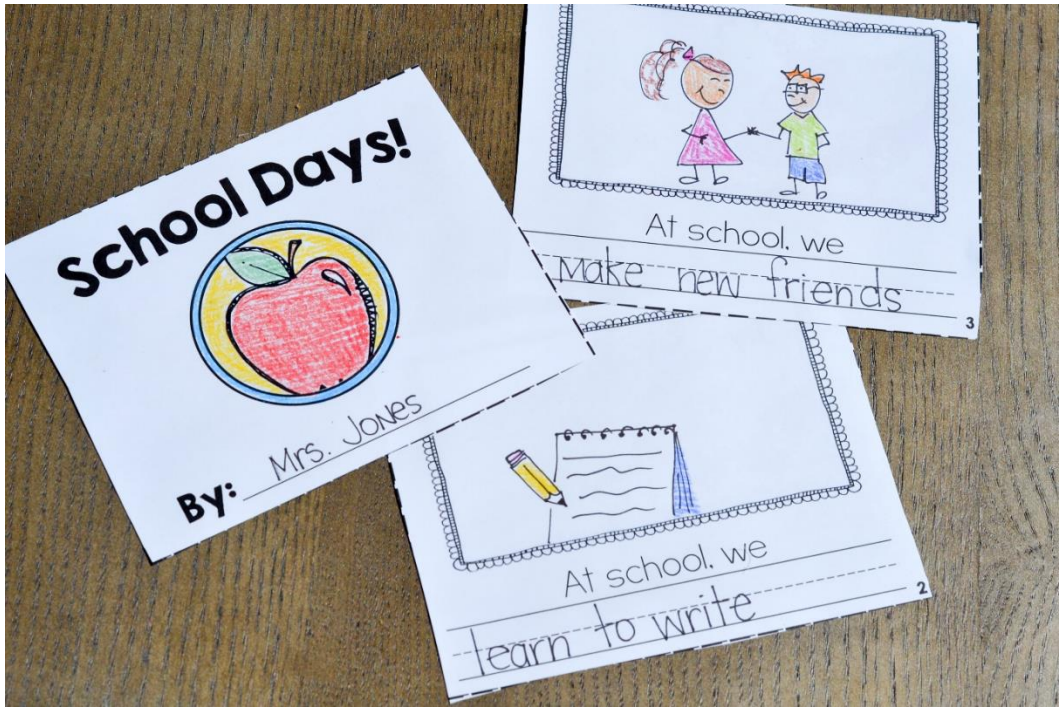

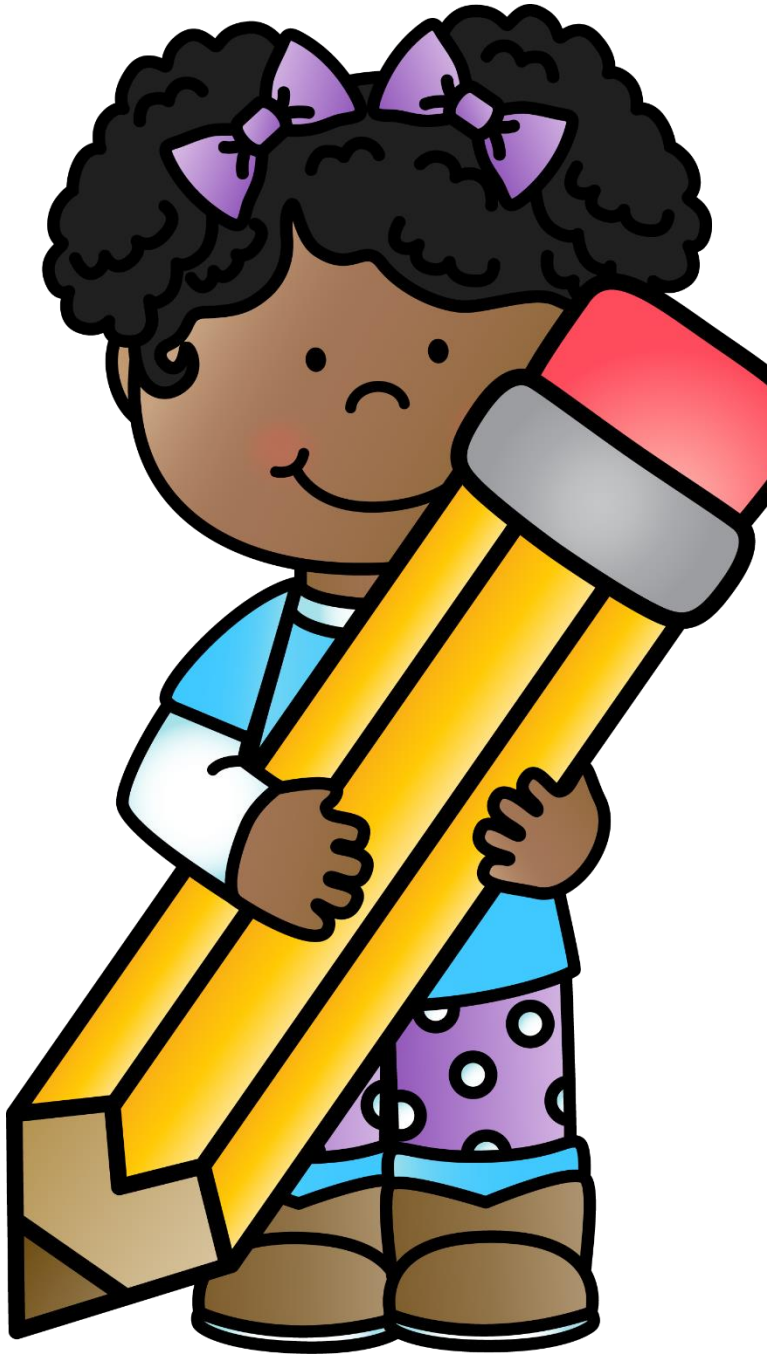

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WRITING ACTIVITIES

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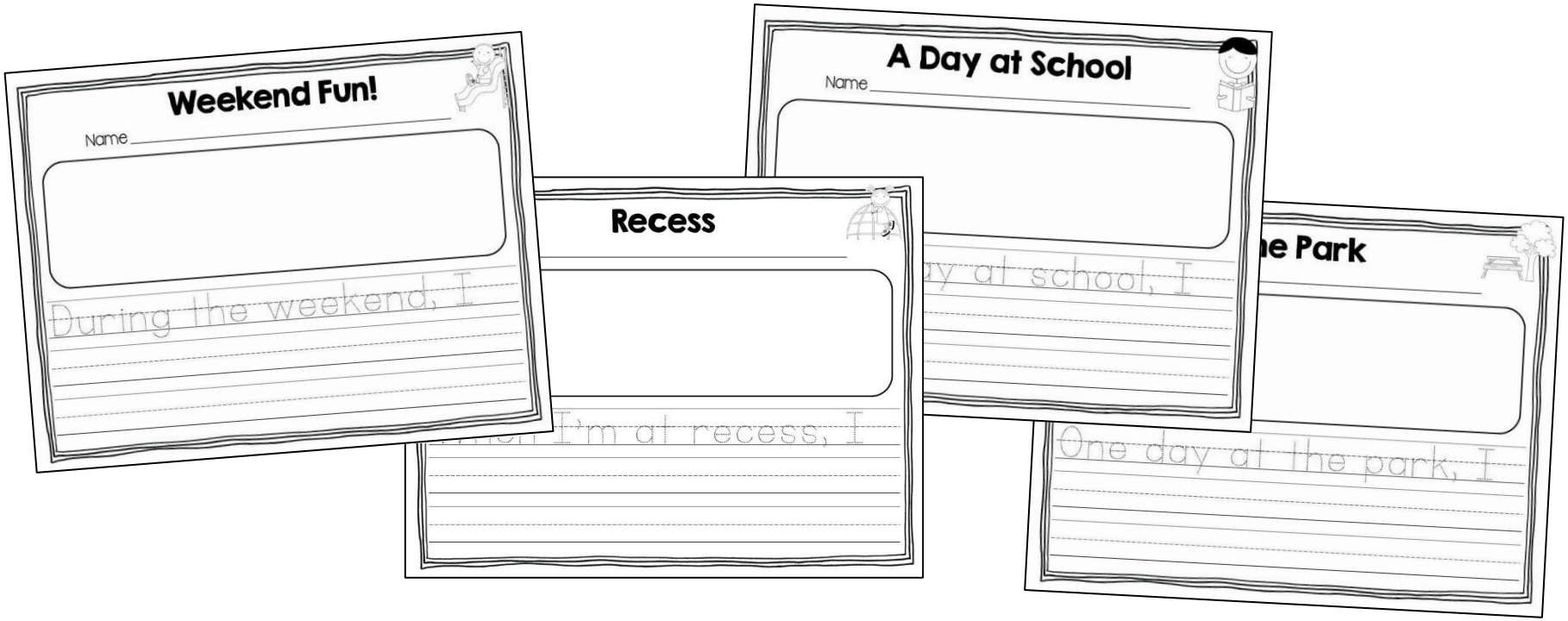
IN MY CLASSROOM:

I find that many of my 1st graders have trouble putting their thoughts on paper at the beginning of the year. These activities are designed to get students started in their writing process and help them build the confidence they need to become writers! I do many of them in small groups and others can be used independently at a writing center.

IN THIS UNIT:

- Sentence Completions
  - (Narrative, Informative, & Opinion prompts)
- Picture Descriptions
- Our first paragraphs
- Mini-books

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS:



Students practice writing and illustrating simple narrative, informative, and opinion pieces with these sentence completions.

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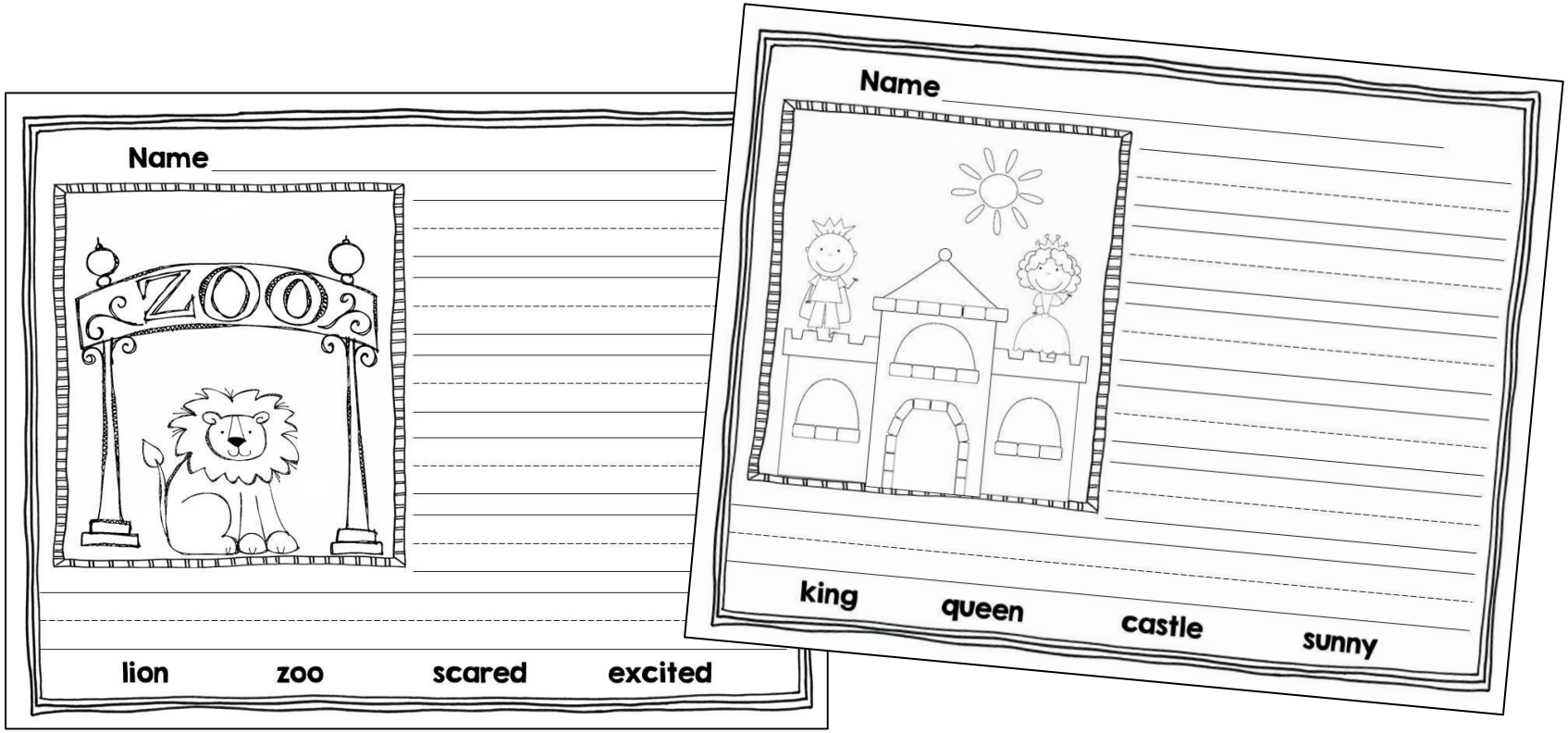
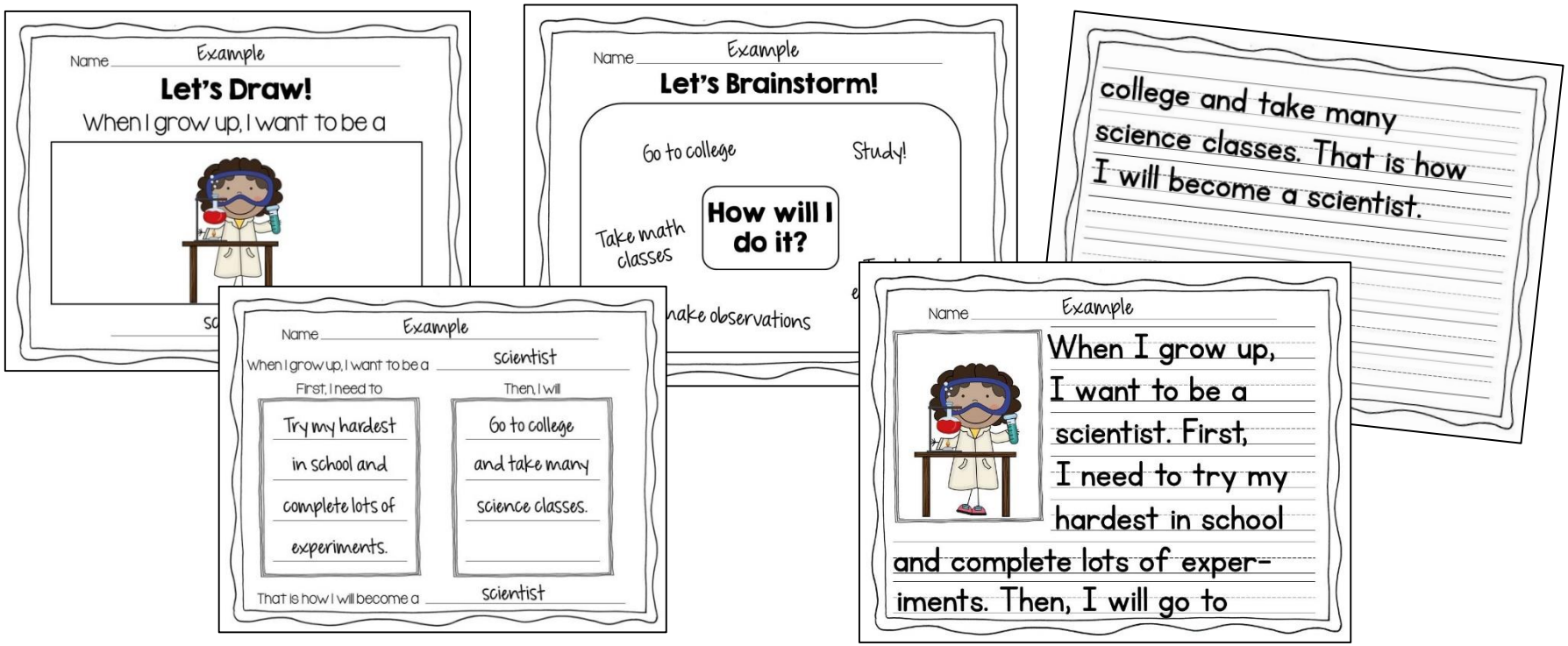


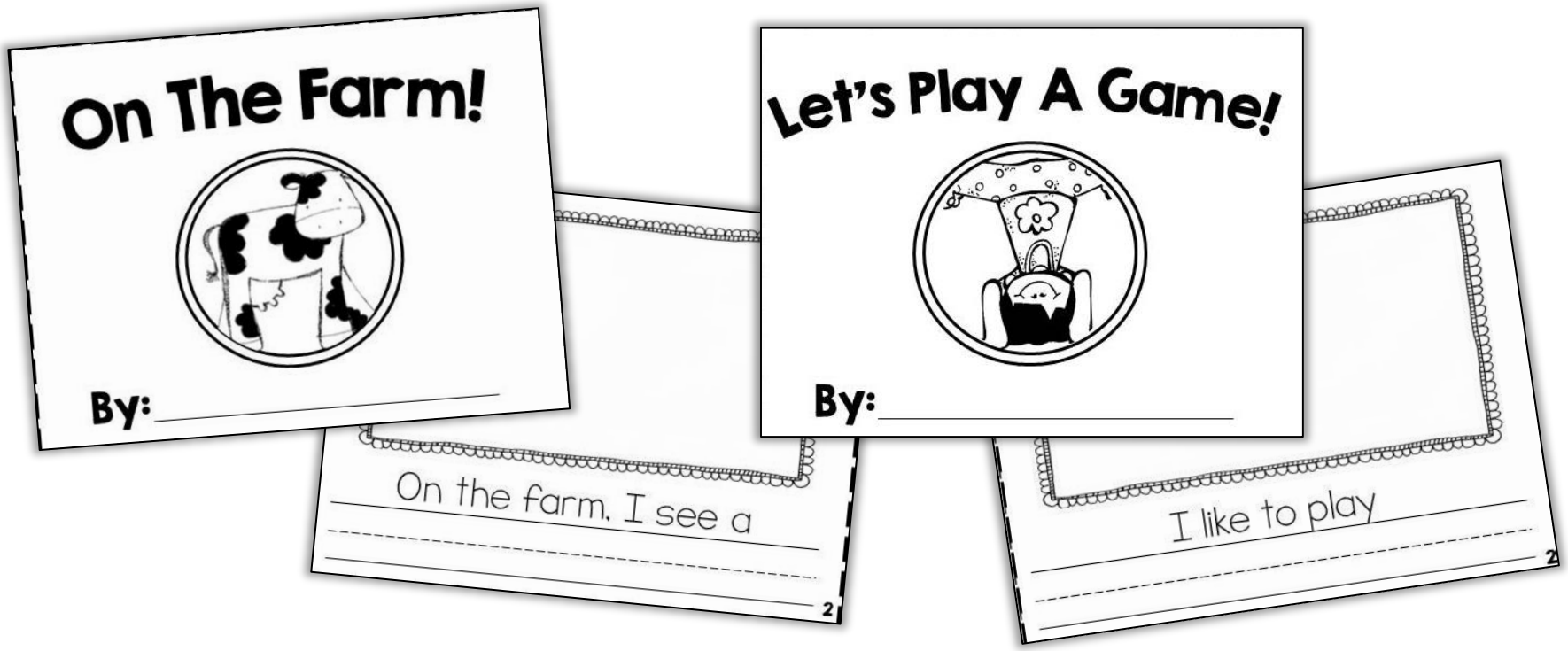
Students describe what is happening in the pictures. Students can use the words at the bottom as a starting point. They are also there to ease spelling fears.

OUR FIRST PARAGRAPHS:



Students use these guided sentence frames and organizers to plan and write their first paragraphs. I like to complete these in whole group or small group format to walk students through the steps together.

LET'S MAKE MINI BOOKS:



I find that once I start teaching how to write short stories, ALL my students want to write their own books, even if they have trouble getting started. These mini-books are great for a writing center and let ALL your students become authors!