Kids can write the first week of school

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Children say they can write but that they can not read. They can hold a crayon, marker, pencil or some other kind of writing instrument and they can produce some form of written expression. When this school year began I wanted to find out what my first graders attending the Atkinson Academy, the public school in Atkinson, New Hampshire, could do as writers. On the first day of school I gave five of them an A4 exercise book containing forty sheets of unlined paper. I told them that these were for them to write in. The other seventeen children were assigned to other areas in the classroom.
"I have students interview each other like newspaper reporters sometime during the first week of school," Bright explained. "They have to ask five questions and use those answers to write a paragraph about their partner. Then they introduce their partner to the class by reading the interviews." "The kids will always beg to do it again, so it’s a good idea to write the story in permanent ink and fill in the blanks with water-based ink. You can just wipe it off with a wet paper towel and start over," suggested Tupponce. She offered one more suggestion: Do the activity on the last day of school with a story recapping the school year. Students in Gloria Lenhart’s class at Hamilton (New York) Central School form a circle for introductions and a little fun with alliteration. Classroom favorite first week of school activities that are both educational and fun! Learn ways to help students get to know each other, set goals for the year and use math in your All About Me activities. These are my favorite activities to do the first week of school to make sure my students have a full first week that is both educational and fun! Break the ice by making them laugh with the MOST perfect first day book ever, You’re Finally Here! by Melanie Watt. Students then use their math information to write math related sentences, word problems, and drawings to describe themselves using math! These make a fun activity for Family Math Night too and a great way to get parents involved. Find the Math About Me resource I used. 4. Write an evening to-do list together to ensure your kids know what is expected as part of their daily morning routine. Is your little one still missing items each day? Sit down and have *them* tell you what they need to have organized every night. Pop open MS Word and create a cheat sheet your child can use. . . . Image Credit via Flickr: First Day of School and Wheels on the Bus by Kate Ter Haar Backpack Fashion by Jens Rost First Day of School by Dave & Margie Hill. Disclosure of Material Connection: Some of the links in the post above are “affiliate links.” This means if you click on the link and purchase the item, I will receive an affiliate commission.