# Journaling Exercises 1st & 2nd Grade

### Day 1

Write a list of 5 things you	
can do to help your mind and	
body relax.	
If you could choose one	
place in the world where you	
could go to relax, where	
would it be and why did you	
choose this place?	

#### **Now Breathe**

(VISIT WWW.IIIphi.org/resources/iiinituri-beats/ 101 free music to use in this exercise)		
1) You're going to practice breathing into your belly.	Did you complete	
2) Find a comfortable place to lay flat on your back. Place a light	this breathing	
object (like a small book) on your belly.	exercise?	
3) Close your eyes and focus on breathing. As you inhale and exhale,	Yes or No	
stay mindful of the position of the object. Is it moving?		
4) Focus on making the object move up when you inhale and down		
when you exhale. If the object falls off your belly, simply pick it up		
and place it back in position.		

## Day 3

Write a list of 5 things that	
you are grateful for. List	
people, places, or important	
events.	
Write 2 "Thank You"	
Write 2 "Thank You" sentences that you could say	
sentences that you could say	
sentences that you could say to a specific person that you	
sentences that you could say to a specific person that you are grateful for. Now, go find	

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it back in position.	

### Day 5

It's important to use positive	
language when we talk to	
others as well as in our own	
self-talk. Write 5 positive	
words or phrases you can use	
today.	
Write a single statement of	Example: "Keep your head up, stay positive, you can do
encouragement to yourself.	this."
This statement should	
encourage you to keep	
working toward daily activity	
goals.	

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## Day 7

List 3 words or phrases that	
describe how you feel each	
time you finish being	
physically active.	
Write 1 sentence that you	
could use to convince a	
friend or family member to	
be physically active with	
you.	

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and place it back in position.		

## Day 9

List 2 accomplishments that	
you are proud of.	
Choose 1 of those	
accomplishments and write 3	
sentences to yourself	
describing why you are proud	
and how that accomplishment	
will help you in the future.	

#### **Now Breathe**

Did you complete
this breathing
exercise?
Yes or No

### **Day 11**

Think of a friend or family	
member. List 1 of their most	
recent accomplishments that	
you admired.	
Think about why you are	
proud of them!	
Now, write 1 sentence to your	
friend or family member	
describing why you are proud	
of their accomplishment and	
how you believe that	
achievement will help them in	
the future.	

### **Now Breathe**

- It's time to focus on our breathing without using a moving object.	Did you complete
- Find a comfortable place to lay flat on your back.	this breathing
- Close your eyes and focus on breathing.	exercise?
- As thoughts come into your mind – let them come and go. Bring your	Yes or No
focus back to your breathing as you inhale, and then clear your mind as	
you exhale.	

## **Day 13**

List 3 benefits of completing this 2-week journaling	
routine.	
Choose 1 of the benefits	
listed above. How is that	
benefit related to your	
emotional health?	
Give evidence.	

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