Hi, my name is Kate and I'm a freshman here at BGSU. My major is Health and Physical Education and I'm going to tell you a little bit about my literacy experiences. I learned to read when I was five, and my mom taught me. She forced me to read every night with her. And when I say forced, I mean forced. But now as an education major I see the positive impact that had on me, and how important working with your children really is. My mom also taught me the basics of writing this way. Now I read and write very often. I kept a journal during the whole COVID-19 quarantine and wrote letters to my friends. It was so nice to have something to look forward to and then something to do that day after I got the letter back. Lots of my friends kept journals too. Now that we are back to school, I read every single day. Every assignment always involves reading something and most also include writing. Sometimes I'm so busy with school work, I rarely have the time to write for fun but I have sent a few letters back home. Happy National Day on Writing, BGSU.