Supporting Young Writers in Narrative Writing

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Reflection

✗ What kind of writing do you and your child engage in at home?

○ Do you write to your child?
○ Does your child write to you?
○ Do you write together?
○ What kinds of writing do you and your child enjoy?
Reading and Writing are Meaning-Making Processes...

Instruction Needs to Support Meaning Work at ALL Grade Levels
Agenda

✗ Writing in School
✗ Writing at Home
✗ Spelling Development
✗ Wrap Up
In School...
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× Children write every day

× And they can write every day at home too!

× Let’s watch a video!
Narrative & Personal Narrative Writing

✗ What is it?

✗ Why do we teach it?

✗ Narrative Writing across K-5
At Home...
How Can I Encourage More Writing at Home?

- Find reasons to write and encourage different kinds of writing
- Add writing to other passions
- Utilize technology
- Support purpose: Say things like, “Wow that seems important … What can we say about it? Why don’t you write about it?”
- Make a place for writing and keep materials organized
- Tell them about yourself as a writer what do you write about, who do you write to?
- Talk – A LOT!
- Write in the air
- Compliment their writing
RESISTANT WRITERS

Many kids resist writing, first we need to figure out why…

✗ What does your child say when he/she is resisting?
✗ Source: A Quick Guide to Reaching Struggling Writers, K - 5 by M. Colleen Cruz

I’m not a good writer.
My hand hurts.
I don’t know how to spell.
I don’t have anything to write about.
I never get to write anything I want to write.
I’m done.
Stages of Spelling Development
Supporting Your Child’s Spelling Development

- Random letters
- One or two consonants
- Consonants PLUS a vowel
- Part by part with a vowel in each part
- Part by part using patterns you know

STR-E-T-C-H out words!
1. Say it 🐱
2. Slide it 🕵
3. Hear it 🎧
4. Write it 🖊️
Remember that writing is about expressing and conveying ideas thoughtfully.

Spelling and handwriting and paper are just the way we do this now…

_and the world is changing._
Thanks!

Any questions?

Jot them down or email us!

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