



Family Writing Connections

Kindergarten Unit 1: Launching the Writing Workshop



Overview:

This unit introduces the students to the world of writing. Routines and procedures for Writing Workshop are introduced and students will learn to identify themselves as authors and illustrators! Students will write information books as well as true stories about small episodes in their own lives. Students will also select a few stories to publish, and learn to revise and edit as they make their stories the best they can be.

In this unit, Students will:

- Follow the structure of the writing workshop
- Locate and use writing materials responsibly
- Tell, draw and write a story about something that happened
- Show what happens first
- Put the pages in order
- Tell what happens last
- Turn and talk to reflect on writing
- Identify what to do when finished with a writing piece
- Use writing partners and teacher conferences to strengthen writing
- Collaborate by sharing ideas with a partner
- Use mentor texts to gain ideas

Ways to help at home:

- Provide a place for your child to write, along with materials (paper, pencils, crayons/markers, etc.) that they can use to create writing pieces at home.
- Encourage your child to keep a journal/writer's notebook and write about things that happen at home and at school.
- Provide authentic writing opportunities for your child. Have him/her write thank you notes, invitations, lists, and letters to family and friends.
- Be a writing role-model! Point out times when you are using writing to communicate with others and discuss writing in the community.

See attached Writing Checklist and Exemplars for this Unit:

- Kindergarten Narrative Writing Checklist
- Kindergarten Narrative Writing Exemplars

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Standards (NJSL): Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.