

Family Writing Connections

Kindergarten Unit 6: All About Books



Overview:

This unit taps into our students' passions and areas of expertise by asking them to teach what they know about to others. The children will learn various ways to organize and present their knowledge to their reader, focusing on the features they observe in nonfiction mentor texts. Labels, diagrams, and captions will be added as our young writers strive to make their books interesting as well as informative!

In this unit, Students will:

- **Compile** a list of topics they are experts on
- Choose a topic to write about
- List details about their topic
- Write all about books to teach about their topic
- Verbally **rehearse** and **plan** chapters
- Include information and examples in their writing
- **Elaborate** to make their books more interesting
- **Labe**l their pictures to teach even more about their topic.
- Begin to **add** text features (i.e. captions, diagrams, table of contents) with purpose

- Modify, review, and revise their all about books
- **Check** for conventions when editing their all about books

Ways to help at home:

- Help your child explore their hobbies and interests. When children are called on to write "all about" a topic this fuels a desire to research and learn more!
- Keep a notebook at home where your child can record possible topics for their all about books.
- Explore vocabulary words related to a topic of interest.
- Encourage your child to live a "writerly" life, in Kindergarten and in the years to come!

See attached Writing Checklist and Exemplars for this Unit:

- Kindergarten Information Writing Checklist
- Kindergarten Information Writing Exemplar

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS): Please refer to Morris

School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

