

### Family Writing Connections

#### Grade 1 Unit 5: From Scenes to Series Fiction Writing



#### Overview:

During this unit, From Scenes to Series Fiction Writing, students will explore the world of storytelling by creating a pretend character, giving that character adventures, and elaborating and revising across books by eventually creating a whole series of adventures for their character. The unit starts by giving students the chance to come up with a character on their own, and being encouraged to bring this character to life. Their goal will be to write lots of realistic fiction stories quickly with independence, using all they already know about writing small moment stories from Unit 1. Using authors as mentors, students will look for patterns in series books to apply in their own writing. Students will then be using their character to create more than one adventure. Students will then work on a second series and be encouraged to remember to add dialogue and movement to their stories. Each student will publish a series of revised, showcased work.

#### In this unit, Students will:

- Create a fictional character for their series writing
- Identify several different settings and series of events for their fictional character
- Apply the knowledge they receive from mentor texts in their writing

- Use the writing process of "think, say, draw, write, revise and edit" when producing and creating stories for their series
- **Show** how their characters can come to life using dialogue and movement
- **Revise** and **edit** their writing pieces using checklists and anchor charts
- Working as a partnership, analyze their partners' writing pieces and give them suggestions and guidance
- Organize their work into a series of stories

#### Ways to help at home:

- When reading at home, encourage your child to look at the characters they are reading about.
- Encourage your child to look for patterns in the stories they read.
- Use adjectives to describe the characters in the stories you read together at home.

## See attached Writing Rubric and Exemplars for this Unit:

- Checklist for Narrative Writing
- First Grade Narrative Writing Exemplar

# New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS): Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

