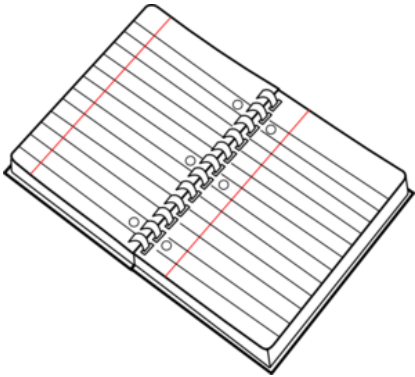




# *Family Writing Connections*

## Grade 2 Unit 1: Small Moment Personal Narratives



### Overview:

Students will identify small moment stories from their personal lives. Students will magnify these small moment narratives by adding details and creating powerful beginnings and endings. Students will learn to utilize mentor texts to model an author's writing craft to help with revising and editing their own writing.

### In this unit, Students will:

- **Compile** small moment topic ideas
- **Apply** details to their stories by drawing on their senses
- **Design** stories that model their mentor author(s)
- **Use** precise words to make their writing more specific or beautiful
- **Edit** their writing for spelling, capitalization, and punctuation
- **Write** with increasing independence
- **Discuss** books and their own writing
- **Make** reading and writing connections

### Ways to help at home:

- Provide authentic writing opportunities
  - Thank you notes, grocery lists, letters, etc
- Provide a place for your child to write
- Keep a reflective journal
  - Write about things that happened at home or school incorporating the senses - what was seen, heard, felt, etc

### See attached Grade Level Writing Checklist and Exemplars for this Unit:

- Narrative Writing Checklist
- 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.

