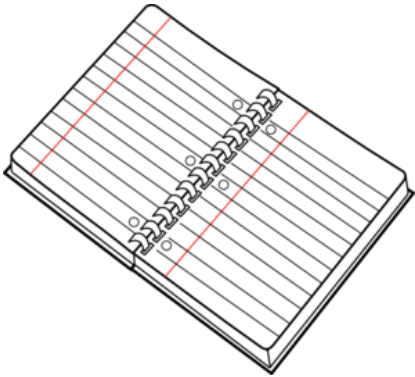




Family Writing Connections

Grade 2 Unit 2: Realistic Fiction Stories



Overview:

Students write narrative stories about realistic characters. Students incorporate a problem and solution, and craft leads and endings for each story. Students draw upon their repertoire of strategies learned to further revise and edit their work.

In this unit, Students will:

- Write a realistic fiction story with a problem and solution
- **Develop** the character and plot of their stories
- **Analyze** author's craft in mentor texts
- **Experiment** with elaboration strategies in their own writing
- **Reference** classroom charts to support writing
- **Revise** and **establish** goals to **develop** their writing
- **Decide** whether or not their stories makes sense and are easy to read

Ways to help at home:

- Model great story telling; talk about your day! Tell about an event from your day making sure to include transitional words like first, then, next, and finally.
- Have your child tell you about something that happened to him/her. Zoom in on that one part of the day and stretch it out using sensory details.
- Share realistic fiction books and explore the problems characters face and how they are able to overcome them. Are there any lessons learned/morals from the story?

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

- Narrative Writing Checklist
- Realistic Fiction Exemplar

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS):

- Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

