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"Storytellers broaden our minds: engage, provoke, inspire, and ultimately connect us."
- Robert Redford

The Grade 6 students at SSA have been deeply engaged in the world of stories since the beginning of their educational journey with us.

Each year, they explored a variety of books, responded to literary texts, and delved into the essential elements of storytelling, fostering a deep appreciation for literature. For their final year at SSA, we offered them the exciting opportunity to craft their own narratives.

Narrative writing, a form of storytelling that recounts events or experiences in a structured way, was our focus. We started by reviewing the elements of narrative writing and identifying them in a short story. Students then conducted mini research projects on different literary genres and presented their findings to the class. This exercise sparked inspiration and guided their brainstorming process.

A key element we explored was theme, helping students grasp the importance of a central message in a narrative. This allowed them to create stories with meaningful takeaways that resonate with readers even after the final page. The students also honed their skills in using vivid descriptions, figurative language, and dialogue to enrich their writing.

The next step involved brainstorming and drafting. Using a story map to outline characters, setting, conflict, and resolution, students developed the foundation for their narratives. Once their plans were complete, they eagerly began drafting their stories. Throughout the writing process, they received valuable feedback from teachers and peers, helping them refine their work.

The result? Confident young authors with spectacular stories to share!