

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year our class is making writing a priority. We want to help students become strong writers by giving them time to write every day, in all subject areas. We'll have daily writing lessons to directly model the writing skills we want our students to master. Our goal is to make writing meaningful and exciting by empowering students to share their opinions and ideas.

### **How can you help?**

Writing is a real-world task. There are many opportunities to incorporate authentic writing practice at home, such as:

- ❖ Write letters or emails to a family member.
- ❖ Keep a journal while on vacation to record and reflect on your experiences.
- ❖ Write an online review for a book you've read or a movie you've seen.
- ❖ Rewrite the ending to your favorite book.
- ❖ Make up a silly song or poem.
- ❖ Research your family history and write a narrative about what you learn.
- ❖ Send a persuasive letter to your local newspaper to inspire change in the community.
- ❖ Use interesting photos or images to spark an imaginative story.
- ❖ Create an instruction manual for a friend or neighbor.

### **Tips for Making it Meaningful:**

Provide a place for writing and keep it stocked with fun materials such as decorative notebooks, blank paper, pencils, crayons, etc.

Model writing for your student. Point out the various ways writing is used to communicate with others and let your child see you as writer.

Allow students to experiment and have fun with their writing. Emphasize the process rather than perfection and praise your student's effort.

Find ways for students to share their writing with family and friends in authentic ways. Record students reading their writing aloud, create and illustrate a book, or use an online app to publish writing digitally.

I appreciate your support in making writing a priority this year.

Sincerely,