



Grade 2 Writing Unit 1 - Narrative Writing

Welcome to Grade 2 Writing! In this unit, your child will learn the expectations and routines for writing time and learn more about the craft of narrative writing. Your child will study the works of mentor authors to set goals for their own writing. Please encourage your child to write at home to strengthen his or her writing.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Choosing important people, places and topics to write about real life experiences
- Increasing volume of writing
- Using dialogue, description, and literary language to elaborate in a small moment
- Revising with a goal in mind
- Using comma rules for dialogue and lists
- Working with partners to reflect on the writing process
- Beginning and ending a story with purpose

Questions and comments to ask your child about writing:

- Tell me more...
- What craft moves are you working on in your writing?
- How do you decide what to write about?
- How can you stretch out your small moment?

In this unit we will enjoy a variety of narrative stories such as *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen. We will study various narrative authors to expose children to different writing craft moves.

Encourage your child to tell stories and to write every day. Capturing photographs of important events will help your child build topics to write about and generate authentic real-life experiences for writing about both at home and school. Your child will be using a writing checklist throughout the unit to inform his or her goal setting and reflection.