



Grade 2 Writing Unit 2 – Using Writing to Teach About Our Favorite Topics

In the first of two informational writing units, students will explore the craft and structure of mentor authors as they choose the best way to teach readers about a topic that is important. Students will notice the way authors engage and teach readers in informational texts in order to make goals to try out in their own teaching books.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Planning with a table of contents
- Planning with quick sketches
- Organizing writing with main ideas and details
- Using text features to teach more
- Revising by questioning like a reader
- Using transitions to make writing interesting
- Developing research plans and citing sources in text

Questions and comments to ask your child about writing:

- What topics do you want to teach to your readers?
- How will you use words and text features to help your reader learn?
- What questions do you plan to teach your reader?
- What informational books are helping you make writing goals?

As always, talking about loved books and setting goals for writing by emulating published authors helps writers grow. Continue to ask your child about his or her writing goals and plans for writing teaching books.