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## Grade 2 Writing Unit 4 – Writing Persuasive Reviews

Your child will continue to focus on opinion writing and move toward persuasion as he or she focuses on writing reviews with a specific audience in mind. Restaurants, movies, books, television shows, and games may all generate ideas for second graders to critique as they work toward convincing readers of their opinion.

### The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Supporting a strong opinion with reasons and examples
- Matching ideas and evidence to the intended reader
- Considering counterpoints to address a reader's ideas
- Revision strategies for making arguments stronger
- Using a checklist to develop and monitor writing goals

### Questions and comments to ask your child about writing:

- What strong opinions do you have about the books you are reading?
- What else might your reader be thinking? How can you convince your reader?
- How will your review help guide your reader?
- What do you want to leave your reader thinking about?
- How are your writing goals coming? What will you work on next?

Talking about loved books, movies, restaurants, and the reasons you love them will support your child's literacy growth. Talk about the pros and cons of many topics that your child could review in order to help your child practice the skills reviewers use to critique the good and the bad when they write reviews.