

Kindergarten Writing Unit 3 – Nonfiction: All About Books and How-To Books

In this unit, writers will learn that they can use writing to teach what they know. They will create books that teach “all-about” a topic, and books that teach how to do something. Through drawings, labels and words, students will share their favorite “expert” knowledge with others.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Choosing a topic to teach readers about.
- Breaking a procedure into clear steps.
- Rereading to revise for clarity in following steps.
- Create books with a specific sequence of steps that he/she wants the reader to take. He/she uses words such as first, next, then, and last.
- Rereading his/her work to revise for specific vocabulary or clarity.

Ways to support your child at home:

- Notice and comment on the simple things that your child is an “expert” at: feeding the dog, superheroes, drawing a flower. Kids often don’t realize that these simple things make great writing topics!
- Read recipes or board game directions and notice the steps listed in each.
- While completing any household task or cooking, note with your child the specific sequence of the steps you are taking. Example: making a sandwich
- Continue to help your child to develop his/her understanding of the sound and symbol relationship. This will help them to stretch sounds to write words.

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