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## **Grade 1 Writing Unit 1 - Small Moments: Writing with Focus, Detail, and Dialogue**

Welcome to Grade 1 Writing! In this unit, your child will learn the expectations and routines for writing time and learn more about the structures of narrative writing. Your child will practice strategies and learn procedures as he or she develops the habits of highly effective independent writers. 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
- Elaborating through sketching and writing
- Participating in oral storytelling to stretch out details
- Engaging in word-solving strategies and using written language conventions
- Working with partners to reflect on the writing process

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

- Tell me more...
- What goes on during writing time?
- Tell me what is happening on this page.
- How do you decide what to write about?
- How can you stretch out your small moment?

In this unit your child will enjoy a variety of narrative stories such as [The Night of the Veggie Monster](#). We will also study various authors to expose children to different writing styles.

Encourage your child to tell stories and to write every day: lists, stories, letters, and so forth will foster a love of writing. Your child will be using a writing checklist throughout the unit to inform his or her goal setting and reflection.