



Grade 3 Unit 2 - Information Writing

In this unit, students will learn the structure of informational writing by reading mentor texts. They will learn the purpose of common text features, such as photographs, labels, timelines, captions, etc. and how to incorporate it into their own writing. They will compose their own informational piece, beginning with the development of a table of contents in order to have a logical structure and then organize the information into well elaborated chapters.

Skills and Strategies Taught in This Unit:

- Using text structures to plan and organize
- Using statistics, quotations, observations and precise language to elaborate
- Using paragraphs to organize writing effectively
- Varying sentence structure for fluent and interesting writing
- Researching from many sources to answer questions about a topic

Support your child's writing work by reading informational texts together and noticing how authors make learning interesting and engaging. Talk about how informational television shows, websites and texts are organized into parts to help teach and answer questions. Using content specific vocabulary will also help your child use precise language in his or her writing.