

WHAT CAN I WRITE ABOUT?

Stories About Me (Narratives)

- I can write about things I have done.
- I can write about things that happened to me.
- I can write about my family.
- I can write about places I have been.
- I can write about my hobbies.

I Can Write Made Up Stories (Fiction)

- I can write stories with made up characters.
- I can write stories using my imagination.
- I can write stories with a problem and solution.

I Can Write About Things I Know (Informational Text)

- I can write about things I know a lot about.
- I can write to teach others about things.
- I can write to tell someone how to do something.



Author's Purpose (for informational text)

- To teach about a topic
- To explain how to do something
 - To explain why something happens
- To show how things are alike and different
- To teach how to solve a real life problem



Features of Informational Text

- table of contents
 - headings
 - bold words
- photographs
 - map
 - diagram
 - time line
 - labels
 - captions
- fast facts
- glossary
- index



What Writing Workshop Looks Like

- Everyone is working on writing the whole time
- The teacher is conferencing
- Kids are helping each other
- Whispering voices
- Supplies are used appropriately



Types of Punctuation Authors Use

- period
- question mark
- exclamation
mark
- comma
- quotation marks
- apostrophe
- ellipses
- colon
- semicolon
- dash



Noticings

What do we notice about the writing style as we read?



Words Scientists Use

- hypotheses
 - wonder
 - question
 - product
 - infer
 - data
 - observe
 - draw
 - ideal
 - teach
 - test
 - explore
 - notes
 - details
 - tools



Words for Persuasive Writing

- want
- need
- love
- let me
- I promise
- in my opinion
 - in fact
- on the other hand
 - I believe
 - you should
 - we could
 - I should
 - I want to
 - for example
 - my belief is
 - I think



Personal Narratives

(noticings)

- Main characters use I and me (first person point of view)
- The story really happened
 - The characters are real
 - Events are realistic
- Details help me see what happened
- Events are in an order that makes sense
- There is a beginning, middle and end
- I see quotation marks to show when characters are talking
- The illustrations show what is happening



Temporal Words

(Time Order Words)

- First
- Second
- Third
- Next
- Then
- Last
- In the end
- Finally
- Soon
- Eventually
- Meanwhile
- Later
- After that
- First of all
- From then on
- In the meantime
- In the end
- In addition
- Not a moment too soon
- Up until that time
- One day
- At last
- Ultimately
- Later on
- Right after
- As soon as
- All of a sudden
- And then



We are experts on...
(Writing informational text ideas)



What is an opinion?

- Your point of view
- A belief or feeling
- A result of how you feel
- Something that might be supported by an argument
- Something that can be the result of someone's feelings or beliefs
- Something that can be supported by facts and details

