

# Writer's Workshop

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Writer's Workshop is a constructivist approach to writing that engages the learner through interest points, small lessons, practice, and final product. Classroom teachers will present the topic and suggest an assignments for children to complete at home that build off of the lesson presented and reinforce, with practice, the writing traits being developed.

Each month during the school year, students will prepare a writing topic at home to be presented at school. Suggestions on how to prepare will be provided for each topic. We encourage all students to participate, no matter their abilities! There are many ways to support your emerging writer as they improve their skills at home and at school.

Some ideas are:

- They dictate, you record
- They draw pictures & include appropriate words or phrases
- They practice keyboarding skills

At the end of each month students will share their work with their classmates by reading their stories from the author's chair!

	Writing Trait	
Month	1st- 3rd	4th - 6th
October	Write a Story	Personal Narrative
November	Game Instructions	Instructions
December	Friendly Letter	Letter or Article
January	Poetry	Poetry
February	Book Report	Book Report
March	Compare & Contrast Report	Research Report
April	Persuasive Essay	Compare/Contrast Essay
May	Tall Tales	Story



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Roles	
1st – 3rd Grade	4th – 6th Grade
<p><b>School's Role:</b> Introduce this month's topic, help provide ideas and tools for the students to use at home.</p> <p><b>Parent's Role:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use this month's topic and chapter to encourage and build your child's writing skills.</li><li>• Help your child generate ideas and complete assignment. The assignments can be as simple as few words and pictures, several sentences, or chapters.</li><li>• For younger students they can dictate the assignment to you and you can write it down for them. Encourage those who are able, to write the story themselves with assistance when needed.</li><li>• The writing process and editing can be used to help improve their writing skills and practice basic grammar skill (capital letters, end marks, complete thoughts, subject, and verb).</li><li>• Encourage students to illustrate the assignment.</li></ul>	<p><b>School's Role:</b> Give monthly lessons to guide the students through the steps of each writing assignment.</p> <p><b>Parent's Role:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on the child's notes in the Writer's Notebook along with the information from the teacher, help your child do the required writing assignment each month.</li><li>• Encourage your child in the writing process, reminding them of all the steps that are involved in every writing assignment</li><li>• Help your child edit and revise each assignment before turning in the final draft</li></ul>

**Due Date:** All assignments due dates are assigned by the teacher and will be communicated via the classroom teacher.

**Assignments:** Assignments may vary between grade levels; the assignments are based on the group dynamics and the needs of the students. All assignments should be completed and turned in per each teacher's instructions.

**Note:**

5-Day students complete the writing assignment at school unless communicated by their teacher.  
-Assignment details will be posted in your weekly HANDLE.

*We look forward to hearing your child's creative writing assignments!*

