Understanding Writing Work-shop and Supporting Writing at Home Summer 2014





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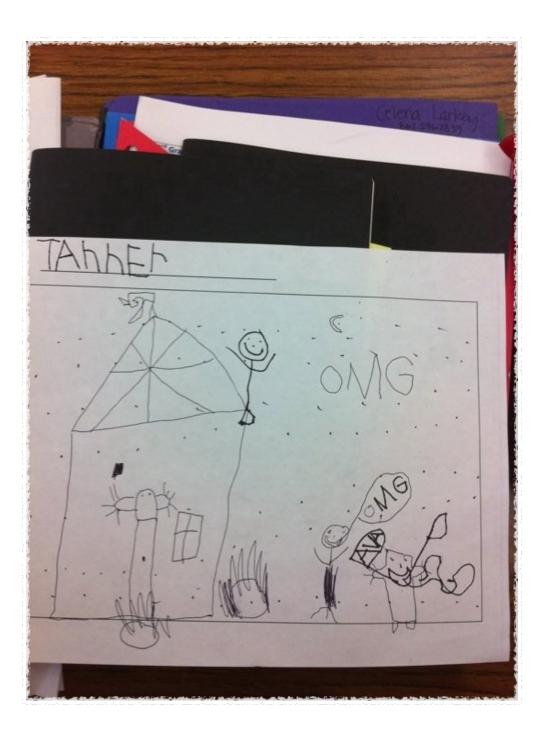
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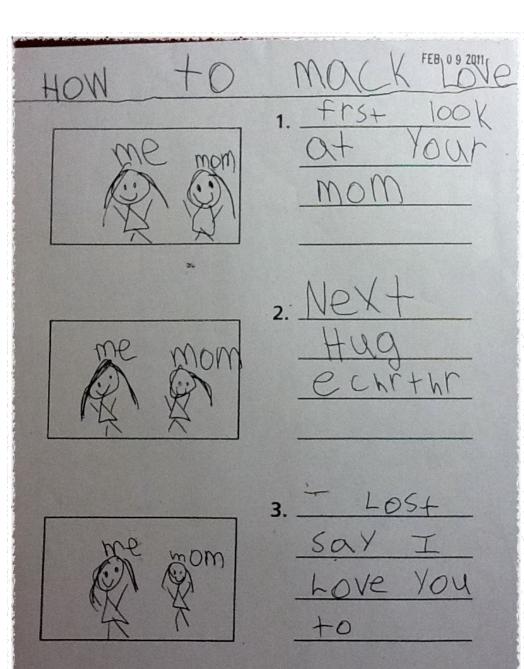
- What is writing workshop?
- How can I encourage more writing at home (especially over the summer)?
- How can I help my child when she struggles with writing?
- How can I help my child express himself through writing?

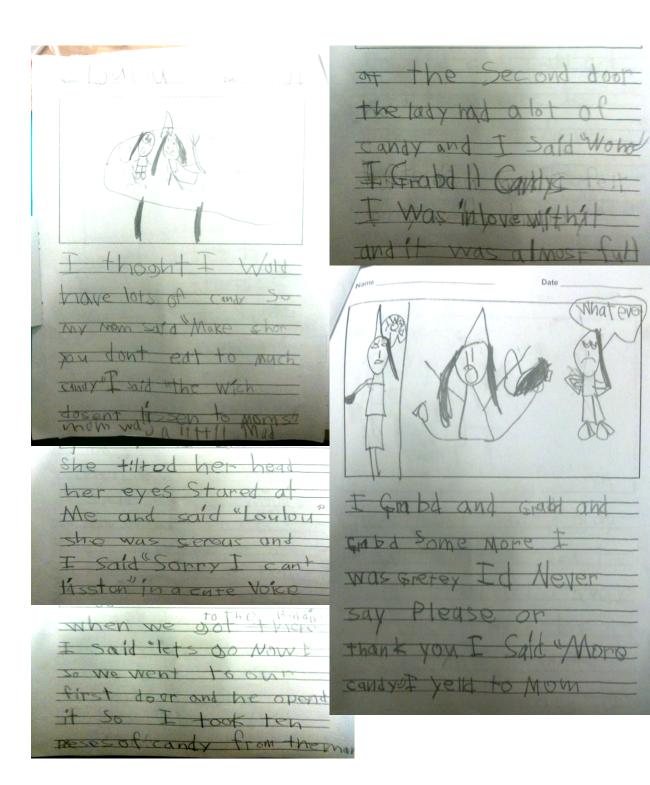
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When I arrived at China or - Hong Kong airport My brother was all jumpy. I saw some people with stickers.

Then there was a person who was checking your health. We passed it and went out.

that? I asked my mom. She didn't above to the elevator down to the garage.

The air was hard to breath It was not as well. Then a van pulled up.

It was dank in the living room and my back ached from sleeping on the floor all night but, I knew it was going to be a great day!

I saw Mellisa, Alison, and Emmeline wake up. "I'm starving!" Emmeline shouted. "Let's go ask our parents if we can have breakfast."

"Okay!" we agreed. We got out of our sleeping bags and set off down the hallway and into the Kitchen.

When we got there we found the adults sitting down

What CONDITIONS facilitate learning? - Brian Cambourne

- Immersion
- Demonstration
- Engagement
- Expectations
- Practice
- Response
- Approximation
- Responsibility

What is the Philosophy of Writing Workshop?

We apprentice children in the life of a writer...

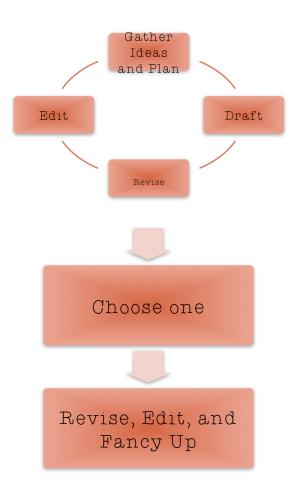
- Independence
- Time
- Choice
- Writing is a Process: Teach the writer not the piece
- Authentic Instruction: Don't teach something you wouldn't actually DO as a writer
- Authentic Genres

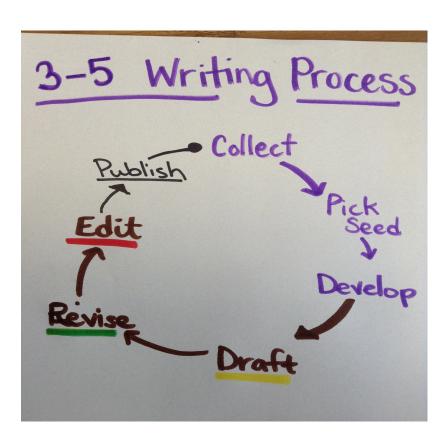
What are the PILLARS of Writing Workshop?

- Daily writing
- Units of study
- Explicit teaching
- Part of Balanced literacy
- Investment from students and teachers
- Building a writing identity

What is the process for one unit?

K-2 Writing Process





Workshop structure:



minilesson

writing time



- •students write on their own, in partnerships and sometimes meet in writing group
- teacher confers, convenes small groups, inserts mid-workshop teaching points



teaching share

How can I encourage more writing at home?

 Find reasons to write and encourage different kinds of writing

Add writing to other passions

Organize writing materials

Find reasons to write and encourage different kinds of writing

- Write to remember
- Write to request
- Write to communicate
- Write to be kind
- Write to warn people
- Write to celebrate



Add writing to other passions



Organize writing materials

- Paper of different shapes and sizes
- Writing utensils
- Scissors
- Tape
- Staplers
- Envelopes



Many kids resist writing, first we need to figure out why... • What does your child say when she is

 What does your child say when she is resisting?

I'm done.

I'm not a good writer.

My hand hurts.

I don't know how to spell.

I don't have anything to write about.

I never get to write anything I want to write.

Research before you act (Don't let frustration get the better of you!)

- Observe
- Read your child's writing
- Reflect
- Talk with your child

Then try some something....

Remember that writing is about expressing and conveying ideas thoughtfully.

Spelling and handwriting and paper are just the way we do this now ... and the world is changing.

Helping your child express herself!

- Make writing with your child Take the hard part away
 - Write in the air.
 - Let them dictate.
 - Let them type.
 - Encourage writing about a passion.
 - Get them some writing glory.
 - From a relative ···
 - From a younger child...
 - From the community...
 - Try new genres.