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.

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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

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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