



WOODRIDGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

Common Core Writing Newsletter

Narrative Craft

This unit will help students determine the small moments in their lives worth writing about. Students will navigate through the writing process as they learn strategies for enhancing their writing pieces for their audience.

About this Unit

This narrative unit will guide students to take their narrative writing to the next level. Students will begin the unit by determining the small moments worth writing about. They will focus their writing so readers feel they are experiencing the moments right along with the writer.

In the next set of lessons, students will choose one of their seed ideas to develop into a full piece of writing. Students will use craft and revision techniques to communicate meaning to their readers. Writers will also learn the same story can be told differently, depending on the theme the writer wants to bring out. By the end of this section students will have two completed two drafts and will have revised their best draft extensively.

The final set of lessons will allow students to progress more independently as they write a narrative. Students will be encouraged to use mentor texts to emulate craft moves of published authors. All writers will be encouraged to dramatize their writing by capturing the experience on the page.

Throughout the entire unit students will be encouraged to use a variety of resources to evaluate their own writing and set goals for moving forward.

Additional Information

Students will participate in a writer's workshop during a daily, dedicated writing time. The daily workshop is set up so that students will be presented with a mini-lesson and then be sent off to write as the teacher confers with students both individually and in small groups.

Attached to this newsletter are a grade level specific checklist and an example of proficient student writing for this unit's genre of writing. Please contact your student's teacher should you have any further questions.