



WOODRIDGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

Common Core Writing Newsletter

Kindergarten Unit 3

How-To Books: Writing To Teach Others:

This unit allows kindergartners to explore the how-to or procedural type of writing. Students will work to use a combination of drawings (with labels) and writing to create an action packed easy-to-read book for their peers to enjoy.

About this Unit

Students will begin this unit with an experience that relies on a procedural text to get something done. This activity will allow the students to draw on a vivid sense of the genre once they are ready to write their own how-to text. Students will be introduced to the idea that writers not only use writing to tell stories, but they also use writing to teach others.

As the unit continues, students will have the opportunity to bring their area of expertise into the classroom. They will be encouraged to write multiple how-to texts in their area of expertise. Lessons pertaining to drawing and writing one step at a time and writing with enough clarity and detail will be a major focus throughout this unit.

Then, students will be introduced to the idea of writing partners. Students will pair up with classmates and test their directions out. This will help students reflect on their writing to make sure everything makes sense. Writing partners also allow students to get ideas from one another.

Finally, students will try to find opportunities across the day to write how-to books that can be helpful to others. Students will be working towards completing an easy-to-read book that will actually help others.

Additional Information

Students will continue to 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.