

Writing Workshop with Mrs. Sakai

Greetings Mar Vista Students and Families,

I hope this finds you all well and settling in to this new model of learning. How amazing that even though we cannot be together in our amazing classrooms and schools, we can still be connected and learn together?!?

In this attachment, you are going to find materials to support you in an independent writing project. What is an independent writing project you ask? Well, it is a project that YOU, the writer, designs around the kind of text and topic that you want to write. You are the one in charge of your writing life and now you get to direct every part! Would you like to write a fantasy story? A teaching book about narwhals? A comic book with some of your favorite characters? A recipe book that holds all of the special recipes of your family? A songbook filled with original songs by you? The sky is the limit. In this project, you will:

- Generate a variety of ideas and topics for projects
- Select one and think about audience and purpose
- Plan it out
- Find a mentor text to support you in the specific kind of writing that you have chosen
- Learn to make work plans and use tools to support your writing
- Revise your writing to make it stronger
- Edit your writing to make it the way you want your reader to read it
- Publish it and think about how to get it into the hands of the audience you want to see it

For each session, there are tools such as charts or planning sheets that can support the work of the mini-lesson. You will also find a list of YouTube video links organized by session. Just click the session you are on and it will direct you to the video.

Materials Needed:

Grades K-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A writing tool-pen or pencil• Paper (there will soon be paper choices in the sessions for you to choose from, though I can also say just plain paper is great so they can design the page exactly how they want it to be)• Coloring tools• A mentor text

If you have a question, you can reach out to me (mrs.sakai4@gmail.com). This is a great project which helps writers to become independent and self-directed.

Good luck and happy writing!

Best,
Mrs. Sakai

This week we will focus on sessions 1 & 2. Please complete these sessions at your own pace.

Independent Writing Project K-2 Mini-Lesson Summaries Sheet

This will outline the work that each mini-lesson is asking of you as a writer. Watch the video for each session, then check the "Writer's Work" session to see what work you could do to move forward in your writing process.

Session 1:

- **Step 1:** YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/EKWR8KDzjoU>
- **Step 2:** Think about topics you are interested in writing about...it could be anything! Perhaps you are interested in superheros, tigers, your family, your best friend, rain, whatever you are interested in. Writers can make a list or draw pictures to remind themselves of all of the topics they love. Next think about the kind of book you want to make. Writers call this the genre of the book. Will yours be a teaching book? A story book? A comic book? A question and answer book?
- **Step 3:** Writer's Work: Use the generating ideas sheet (attached), a notebook, a plain piece of paper, something, to generate topics that are interesting to you. Then think about the type of book you want to make.

Session 2:

- **Step 1:** YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/h08qRBTthXI>
- **Step 2:** Choose one of your topics from session 1 and the type of book you want to make (the genre). Think about who you want to read your book and **why** you want them to read it.
- **Step 3:** Writer's Work: Write a clear sentence about the topic, type of book, audience and purpose for your writing project.
 - I am going to write about _____(topic) and I am going to make a _____ type of book. I want _____ to read my book because _____.

Generating Ideas Sheet:

Topics I Am Interested In...

(draw & label or make a list here)

Kind of book I want to make:


- A story book?
 - Make-believe (could not happen in real life)?
 - Realistic (seems like it could happen in real life, but didn't)?
 - True story about your life?
 - A sequel to a favorite book?
- A teaching book?
 - All about something?
 - A how-to book?
- A comic book?
- A song or poem book?
- Other: _____

The Writing Process

Think 

Plan

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Write 

Revise

+ addin
- take away
rearrange
for meaning + focus

Edit

. capital letters
. punctuation
. spelling

publish