

Lesson 1

Interactive writing



SAY

We are going to sing our Writing Chant. “Who wants to write? We do! Who wants to share thoughts? We do! Who wants to use their words to share their thinking? We do! Ok, get ready, set, begin!”

Sing the chant with students 1-2 times.



DO



Writing Time

Writing Chant

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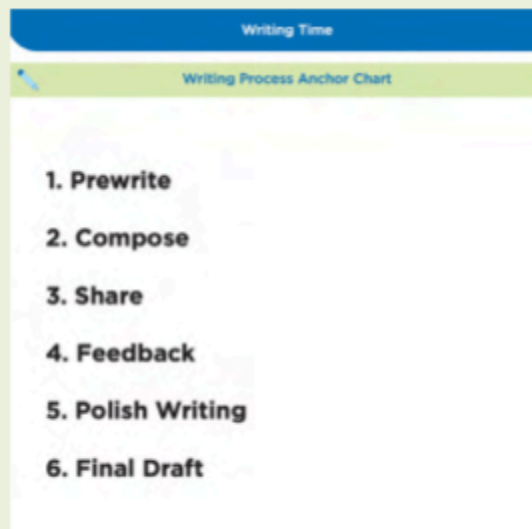
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Today during Writing Time, we are going to explore informative writing. Informative writing is when you share some information about a topic. For example, you might learn about trees and write an informative writing piece about some facts you read and discuss about trees. Give me a thumbs up if this sounds good to you! In Unit Two, we are going to read stories on the topic, *Trees Are Alive*, and explore this guiding question: How do we know trees are alive?



DO

Wait until students give a thumbs up to confirm they understand. If students have a thumbs down, you can restate the previous comment about informative writing and/or give other examples.



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We are going to think about the story we read today, *How a Seed Grows* by Helene Jordan. We want to spend this week practicing sharing the information we are learning about trees in our informative writing. We are going to use the information we gained from the story to help us write an informative writing piece that can teach others about trees. The writing process helps us learn the steps we can take to do our very best writing. This process is: 1. Prewrite, 2. Compose, 3. Share, 4. Feedback, 5. Polish Writing, 6. Final Draft. After your writing is finalized, we are going to congratulate each other with a celebration of our learning. So, let's look at the **Writing Process Anchor Chart** and review together.



DO

Complete a review of the Six Step Writing Process. Use thumb-o-meter or another Check for Understanding strategy to ensure students understand the overall process.



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Now, we are going to zoom in on the first step, Prewrite. During this step we are going to think about our audience, message we want to give, and why our message is important. Let's do this together. Our informative writing will be about trees. What do you think our audience, message, and purpose is? Turn to the person next to you and share your thinking.

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Listen in as students share to check for their understanding. If you notice any misconceptions, you can refocus students when they are finished sharing.



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Awesome, I hear some really great ideas. I heard that the audience can be children like you, parents, family members, and other adults. I also heard that our message is to provide facts about trees. I also heard that this is important because learning about trees can help us take care of the earth. The earth is the planet we live on and it is important that we take care of it. Learning about trees that grow on earth is a big part of this!



DO

As you are sharing what you heard students say (feel free to add in other thoughts that align), add them to the **Prewrite Graphic Organizer/Anchor Chart**.

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Now we are going to take our thoughts from the **Prewrite Graphic Organizer/Anchor Chart** to write a sample informative writing piece together. Pay attention to the steps we are taking. You will have a chance to write your own informative writing piece for the rest of the week. We will have four sentences.

The first sentence will state our topic. [Ask students to share and land on an idea together.] (Trees help the earth stay healthy.)

The second sentence will give some information about the topic. (Trees help people breathe.)

The third sentence will give some more information about the topic. [Ask students to share and land on an idea together.] (Trees need water, sun, and dirt to grow strong.)

The last sentence will give one reason why the topic is important. [Ask students to share and land on an idea together.] (Trees make a home for animals.)



DO

Write the informative piece (with corresponding pictures that match text) as you are sharing the four types of sentences. Then, read the informative piece to students.



SAY

Do you agree with our ideas and the words we used to share some facts about trees? Give me a thumbs up or raise your hand to share some other ideas to change the informative writing piece.

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Revise the writing piece as needed. Ensure all students were able to share either with a partner or the full group.



SAY

When we look at the informative writing piece, what do we notice about the word we used?



DO

Give space for students to share with partner and then full group.



SAY

Yes, we used our topic (trees). We also made sure that our sentences started with a capital letter and ended with an ending punctuation. We did an awesome job today! Next time we meet, you will get started on your very own informative writing piece!



DO

Ask staff, parents, and other special guests to join the class on the last day of the unit for a Special Celebration of Learning of students' informative writing pieces!