



WriteStuff

2011-2012



WriteStuff is a PTA sponsored student/family activity promoting writing for fun.
Participation is voluntary.

Writing Prompt

During the year, students will receive 5 prompts (topics) to write about. Kindergarteners will have 4 prompts. Students will have two weeks to complete each WriteStuff and prompts will be posted at www.d107.org. This year's WriteStuff theme is **ALL ABOUT SCHOOL**. Each prompt (or choice of several prompts) comes with a:

- graphic organizer similar to what is used in school (can also be found online)
- list of parent and student guidelines
- turn-in sheet with the topics, student name, homeroom, and parent signature

Recognition

Students will be recognized in a variety of ways. Some include:

- displaying writing on bulletin boards around the building
- recognizing and discussing WriteStuff writing/writers in the classroom
- listing names of WriteStuff writers in the PTA newsletter (WriteStuff Honor Roll)
- each time a student participates in the WriteStuff, they receive a WriteStuff custom sticker to collect on their assignment notebook or other prominent place
- **NEW THIS YEAR**: any student that participates in all 5 prompts (4 for kindergarten) will receive a certificate from Meatheads Restaurant for a FREE kids meal.

After being posted on bulletin boards, the writing is returned to the student so parents can monitor writing progress and assemble their own WriteStuff booklet.

Student Guidelines

- Use ideas from your life.
- Pick an idea that you can write a lot about.
- Use the Writing Process.
- Ask for help if you get stuck.
- Turn in your best work.
- Have fun.

Parent Guidelines

- Let your child tell you about the idea before he/she writes it on paper.
- Let your child do the writing or typing.
- Conduct a separate conference for revision and editing with your child.
- Have fun.

The Writing Process

- Prewrite: Think of ideas. Choose a final idea. Use a graphic organizer for organization.
- Draft: Put your thoughts on paper. Double-space your writing. Save spell check and editing for later.
- Revise: Change it and make it better. Add description and/or dialog. Change the order of sentences. This is where a "revision writing conference" takes place with a parent. Save spell check and editing for the editing conference.
- Editing: Slowly read your writing several times. Read once checking spelling. Read again checking for punctuation. Read again checking for grammar errors. This is an "editing conference."
- Publish: Use your best handwriting or computer skills to turn your draft/revisions into a final copy.