



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. Students will have two weeks to complete each WriteStuff. Prompts will be posted at www.d107.org. Each prompt (or choice of several prompts) comes with a:

- graphic organizer similar to what is used in school
- 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)

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 combine your draft and revisions into a final copy to turn in.

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