

## **Outline For Writing Mini - Lessons In Second Grade**

### **PROCEDURES**

#### Writing Block Procedures

- Rules
- Conferencing Procedures
- Spacing Words
- Spelling an Unknown Word
- Spelling a Word Wall Word
- Where to put a work in progress
- Where to put a list of ideas
- Where to put a piece in the middle of publishing
- Where to find publishing paper, dedicated pages, title pages
- Author's Chair — role of the author
- Author's Chair — Stars and Wishes

### **PROBLEMS KIDS ENCOUNTER**

#### Choosing a Topic

- What to Do When You're Stuck
- Getting an Idea from a Book
- Spin a Story
- Story Starters
- Idea Books (can use for HW)
- Jokes and Riddles
- Post Office Center

#### Adding Details

- General vs. Specific (Craft lesson)
- Creating "Mind Pictures" (Craft lesson)
- Using Illustrations to Convey Information (Craft lesson)
- Using the 5 W's
- Using the 5 senses
- Describing Words

- Adjectives and Adverbs
- Binocular Analogy

#### Making the Writing More Understandable and Interesting

- Continuing Writing from One Day to the Next
- Staying on Topic
- Getting Rid of Repetition / Condensing the Story or Information
- Matching Words with the Pictures (Craft lesson)
- Cause and Effect (Craft lesson)
- Moving Beyond List and Love Stories (Craft lesson)
- Knowing Your Audience

### **STORY ELEMENTS**

#### Beginning, Middle, and End

- 3 page book (Craft lesson)
- Listen to Story to Identify (Craft lesson)

#### Problem/Solution

- Listen to Story to Identify and Label on a Chart

#### Setting

- Describing the Setting (Craft lesson)
- Using Details to Describe Setting (Craft lesson)

#### Character

- Physical Description of a Character

### **THE WRITING PROCESS**

#### Prewriting

- Brainstorming a List of Ideas
- Using a Graphic Organizer
- Using a Story Map

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### Rough Draft

- Daily Teacher Modeling
- Safe Topic Sentences in an Informational Piece
- Having a Main Idea in an Informational Piece

### Revising

- Cut and Paste (Craft lesson)
- “Legs”
- Adding to a Story
- Questions Writers Ask Themselves (CTW 85-86)

### Editing

- What an Editing Checklist is
- Checking the Writing with the Editing Checklist
- The Importance of Reading Your Writing Out Loud
- Omitting Words
- Reading your Piece So It Makes Sense
- Watching Out for Run-On Sentences
- Spelling Word Wall Words Correctly
- Making Sure Your Titles Have Capital Letters
- Editing with a Buddy
- Using a Dictionary
- Using a Thesaurus

### Illustrating

- Adding Details (Craft lesson)
- Talk Bubbles (Craft lesson)

### Publishing

- What the Title Page Looks Like
- Choosing a Title that Matches the Writing
- Choosing a Title Using Alliteration
- Dedicated Page (Why and What It Looks Like)
- About the Author Page (Why and What It Looks Like)

- Using Student Writing as a Model for Good Writing

## **LANGUAGE**

### Sentence Structure

- What is a complete sentence?
- Subject/Verb Agreement
- Sentence Jingle
- Why We Have a Subject and a Verb
- Sentences That Don't Make Sense
- Why We Use Capital Letters and End Marks
- Ending a Sentence With a Question Mark
- Ending a Sentence With an Exclamation Mark
- Combining Sentences Using “Glue Words”

### Parts of Speech

- What a Noun Is — Noun Jingle
- Proper Nouns
- Strong Nouns
- What a Verb Is — Verb Jingle
- Strong Verbs
- What Adjectives Are — Adjective Jingle
- Adjectives That Compare (big, bigger, biggest)
- What Adverbs Are — Adverb Jingle
- Articles (a, an, the)
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Synonym Charts from 6 Traits Web Page
- Mad Libs

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### Punctuation

- Why We Need Commas
- Commas in a Series
- Writing Dialogue Using Quotation Marks
- Words That Signal When to Use a Question Mark

### **CRAFT WRITING**

#### Leads

- Narrative Leads
- Informational Leads
- Circular Leads
- Leading with Dialogue
- Climatic Leads
- Bad Examples of Leads

#### Endings

- Surprise Endings
- Circular Ending
- Ending with a Question
- Summarizing
- Personal Comments
- Ending with the Beginning of a New Story
- Bad Examples of Endings
- Addressing Uninspired Chronology (ending with and then they died)

#### Other (from Craft Lessons)

- Voice
- Pacing a Story
- Time Transitions
- New Ways to Write About an Old Topic
- Writing Through a Mask (Personification)
- See Saw Story Structure

- Repeating a Word
- The Repeating Line
- Transitions Between Paragraphs

### **TYPES OF WRITING**

#### Narratives

#### Informational Pieces

#### Focused Writing

- Alphabet Books
- Shared Writing
- Language Experience
- Poetry
- Writing Up an Interview
- Friendly Letters
- Writing Directions
- Important Poems
- Two-Point Paragraphs
- Famous Person Reports
- Persuasive Writing
- Following a Picture Prompt