

Second Grade Mini Lesson List

Introduction

- Everyone is a writer
- Writers write about what they know
- Writers are never done
- Making a topic list
- Using a topic list, adding to a topic list

Writing on paper

- Write from the end of one line to the end of another
- Skip a line
- Spacing between words
- Proper letter formation
- Strike through, don't erase

Genre

- Personal narrative
- Personal narrative: small moment
- Fictional narrative
- Opinion (with reasons)
- Information
 - Descriptive with facts
 - How to
 - Compare and contrast

Using words / Grammar

- Descriptive nouns
- Descriptive verbs
- Adjectives
- Starting sentences with varied words
- Stretching a sentence using prepositions
- Stretching a sentence with a conjunction

Mechanics

- Identifying misspelled words
- Circle, Come Back, Correct: strategy for fixing up misspelled words
- Using punctuation
- Capitalizing sentences
- Capitalizing proper nouns

Editing and revising

- Editing a past piece of work
 - Checking for punctuation
 - Checking for capitalization
 - Inserting / deleting words
 - Re-reading: does it sound right?
- Revising a past piece of work
 - Re-reading: does it sound right?
 - Adding, subtracting, moving, changing

Writers are never done

- Re-reading a current piece
- Re-reading a previous piece
- Revising a current piece
- Editing a current piece
- Revising / editing a previous piece
- Peer conference
 - Peer editing
- Illustrating
- Picking a piece for a final draft
- Writing a new piece: picking a new topic

Writing and conferencing routines

- Stamina: writing – thinking- writing – thinking – writing
- How to peer conference
- How to talk in a peer conference
 - Two praises and a push
 - Two medals and a mission
- How to stay focused
- How to share
- How to solve writing problems
 - I don't know what to write
 - I don't know how to spell...
 - I'm done!

Craft

- Writing a lead
- Sequence
- Detail
- Using a mentor text