

Writing in Grade 3

Personal writing

- a variety of clear personal writing and representations that express connections to personal experiences, ideas, and opinions
e.g., journal writing about a field trip

Writing to communicate ideas and information

- a variety of clear, easy-to-follow informational writing and representations
e.g., books, reports, articles, letters that explain to/share with an audience

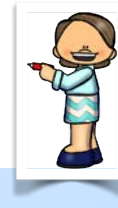
Literary writing

- creating a variety of imaginative writing and representations following patterns modelled from literature
e.g., writing stories on a variety of topics, discussing/developing criteria to help them shape/edit their stories; studying animals in the environment and then writing animal stories

What We Know About Writing Development

Kids need:

- explicit and sequenced instruction that helps them progress along a learning continuum
- critical feedback that helps them know next steps
- extensive opportunities to write on topics they care about



What Topics Do You Care About?

Kids need **extensive opportunities** to write on topics they care about

Think of some of **your favourite topics** and the people, activities, places, things you do in your regular day-to-day life:

- * Hobbies & activities (*yoga, birdwatching, baking, hiking, photography...*)
- * Sports
- * Places you like to go
- * People you spend time with – family and friends
- * Music, movies, books...

Can you come up with a list of **1–2 things** from your life that you would be **KEEN** to write about?

Writing About Our Lives - Small Moments

- think about some of the true stories that you could write about:

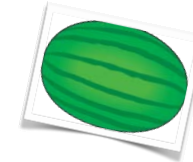
- ▷ a story about my life
- ▷ a story about school
- ▷ a story about my family
- ▷ a story about my vacation

- those are BIG STORIES – as big as a 

- when you pick a topic to write about – stop & think –

does it feel like I'm carrying a watermelon?

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- the good news is that inside a big watermelon topic, there are a TON of tiny seed stories that we can write about



- Here's an example of a personal seed story...

A Small Moments Cat Story

The Pix and the Mouse

One morning I let my cat named Pix outside. He was waiting at the door to be let in. I didn't notice that he had a live mouse in his mouth when he came in. I screamed and Pix dropped the mouse. The mouse ran around the house. I finally got him outside.
