

Children Learn What They Live

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If children live with hostility,
they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule,
they learn to be shy.

If children live with tolerance,
they learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement,
they learn confidence.

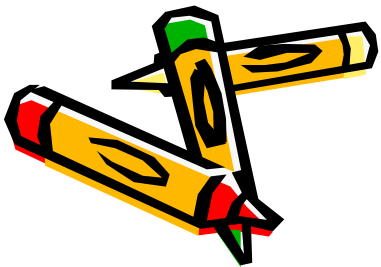
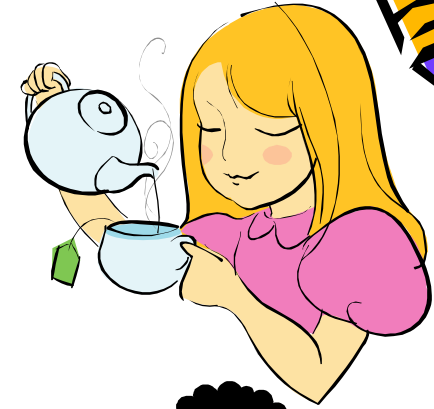
If children live with praise,
they learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness,
they learn justice.

If children live with security,
they learn faith.

If children live with approval,
they learn to like themselves.

If children live with acceptance, and friendship,
they learn to find love in the world.



Welcome to Third Grade

Welcome to 2009-2010



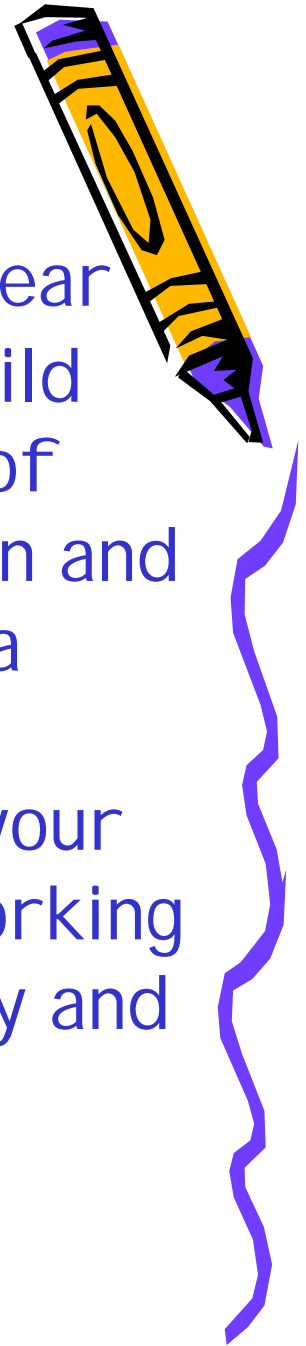
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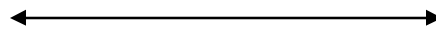
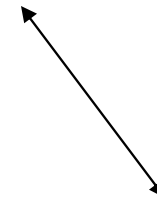
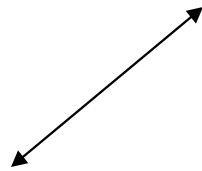
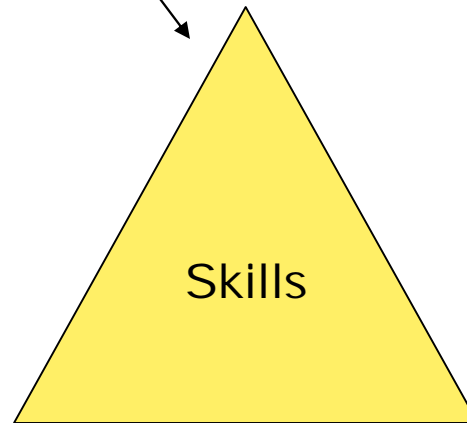
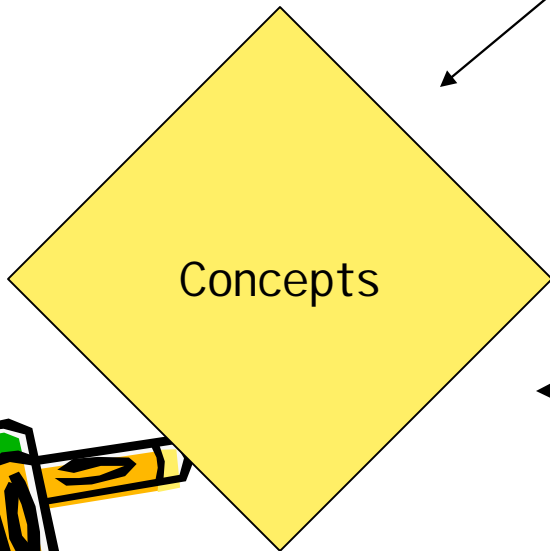
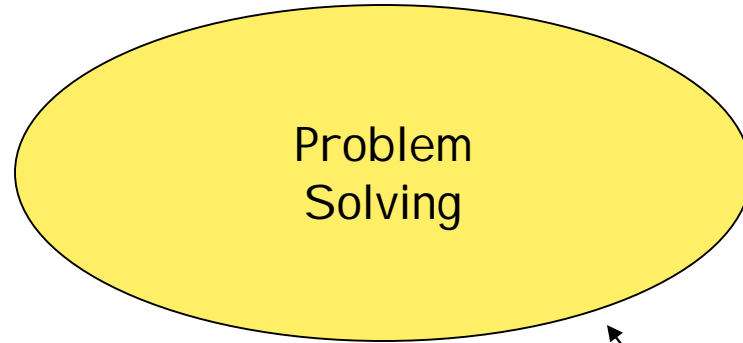


Welcome to a new and exciting year at Naquag Elementary School. Your child can look forward to a wonderful year of exploration and discovery as they learn and grow. This guide will provide you with a general overview of the third grade curriculum areas to be introduced to your child this year. We look forward to working together with you to foster a curiosity and love of learning in your child.

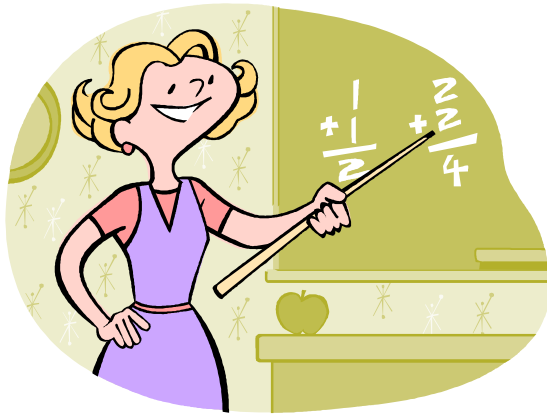


Mathematics Curriculum

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Mathematics



Basic Facts
Computation
Problem Solving
Measurement
Vocabulary
Reasoning

Geometric Concepts
Data Analysis
Multiplication
Division
Fractions



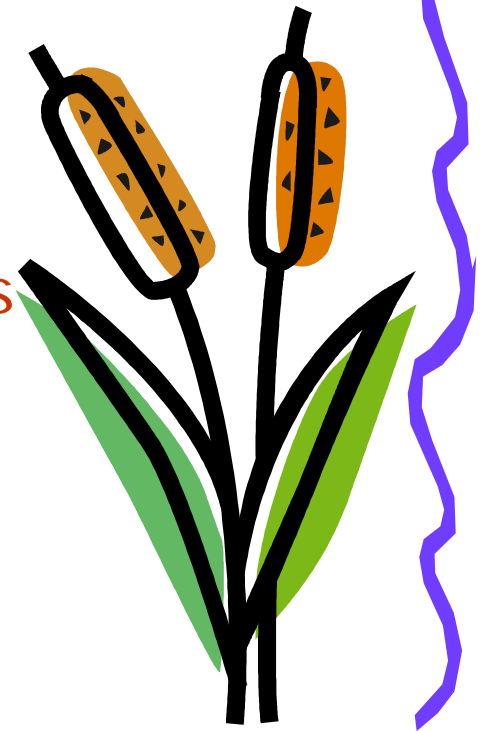
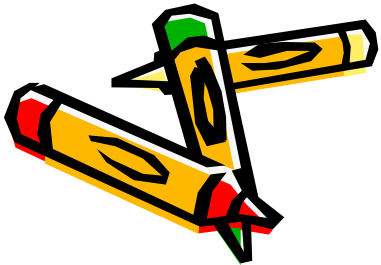
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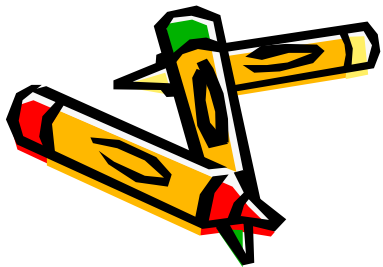


Life Science

Characteristics of Animals
Life Cycles
Plants
Rainforest
Seashore



Earth/Space Science



Rocks and Minerals

Soil

Weathering

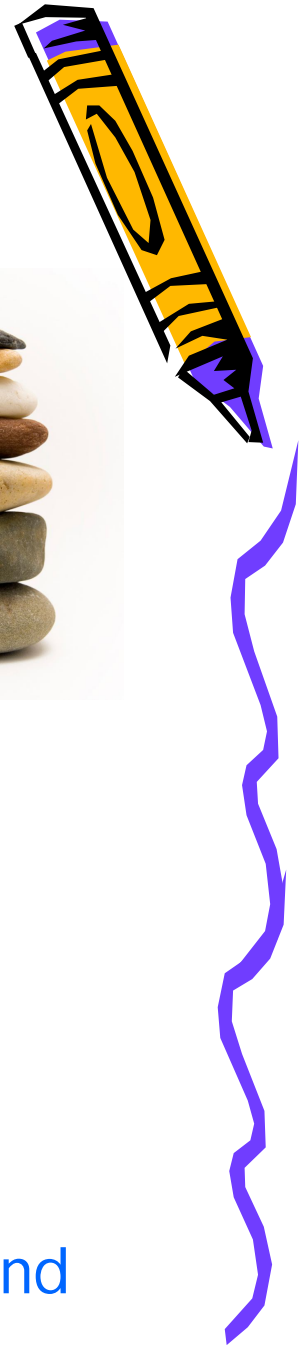
Decomposition

Weather

Water Cycle

Solar System

Earth's Revolution and
Rotation



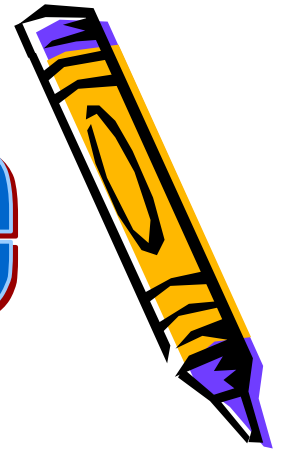
Physical Science

Heat/Energy

Magnetic Poles and
Properties

Matter

Simple Machines



Social Studies

Massachusetts

New England

Native Americans

Decades

Centuries

Pilgrims

American Revolution

Declaration of Independence

Bill of Rights

The Constitution

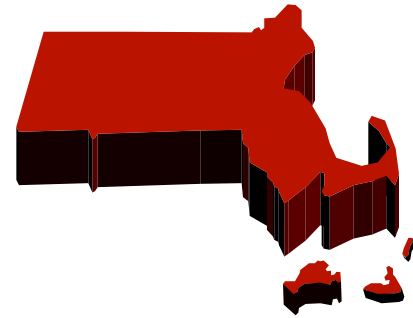
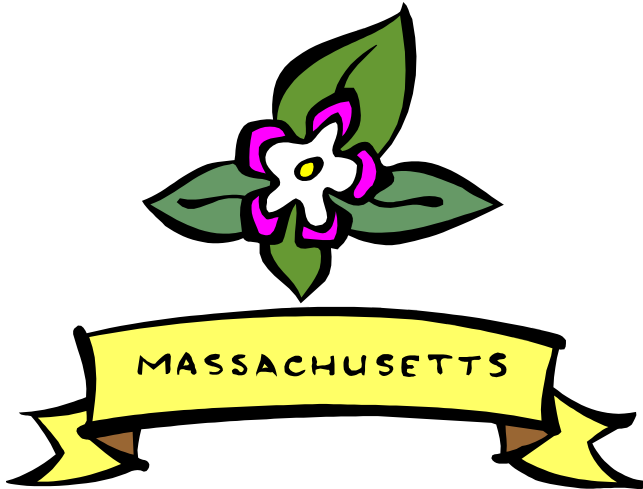
Goods and Services

Taxes

Bartering

Local History

Government





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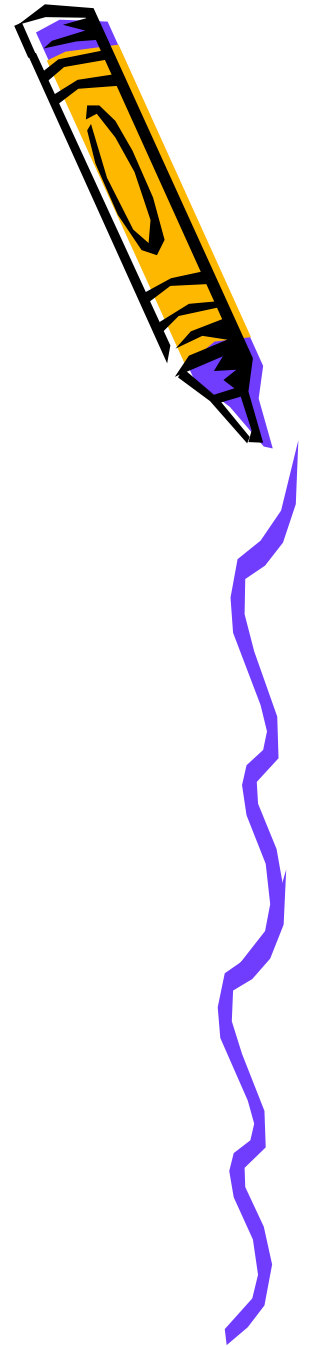
Components of Balanced Literacy

Reader's
Workshop

Writer's
Workshop

Word Study

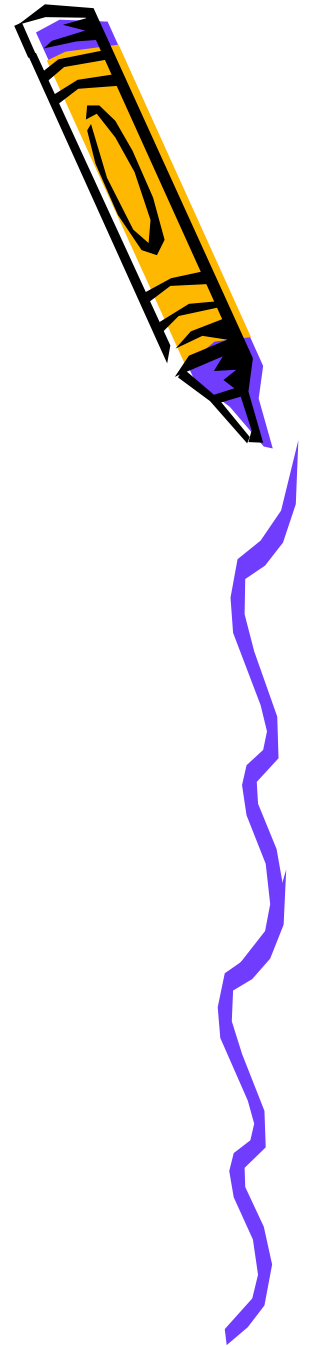
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Read Aloud



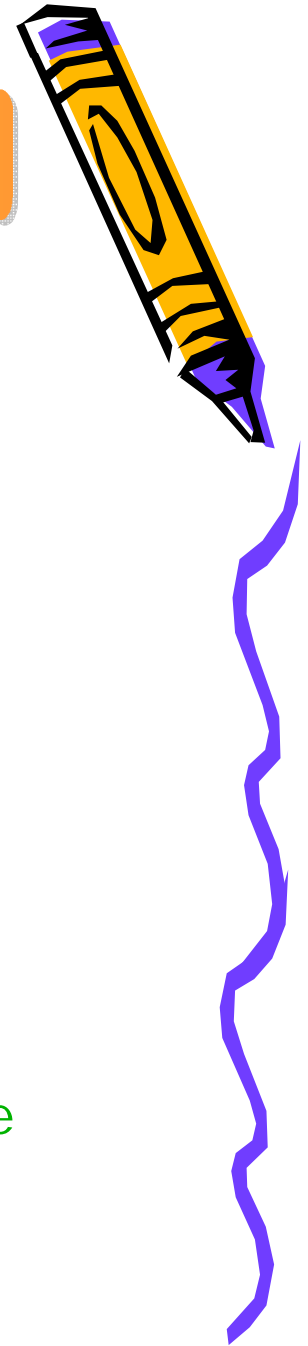
READER'S WORKSHOP

What is READER'S WORKSHOP?

READER'S WORKSHOP is a research based approach to reading that will be implemented in all classrooms throughout Naquag and the entire Wachusett District. READER'S WORKSHOP addresses the needs of ALL students.



Components of Reader's Workshop



✿ Focus lesson

Teacher explicitly models a strategy or skill

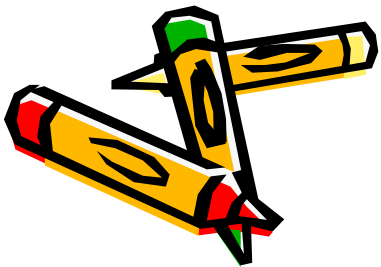
✿ Independent Reading

Student read their “just right” book
and practice the strategy or skill
Teacher confers with individual students
Small group instruction with children of similar needs



✿ Group Share

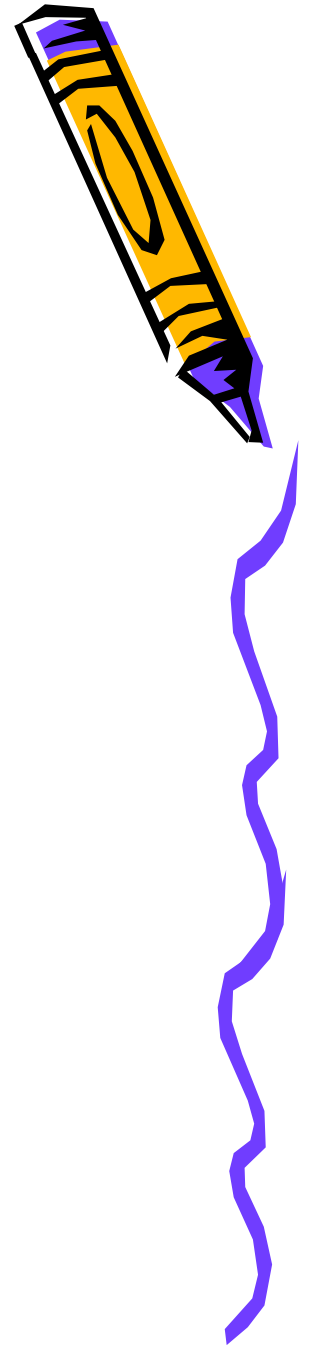
Group reconvenes to share how they used the strategy or skill in their reading



What are Strategies?

Strategies are “in the head” problem solving processes. Strategies are tools for decoding and understanding what you read. Strategy instruction helps students develop, access, and apply these strategies independently. Some examples of strategies your child will learn about include the following:

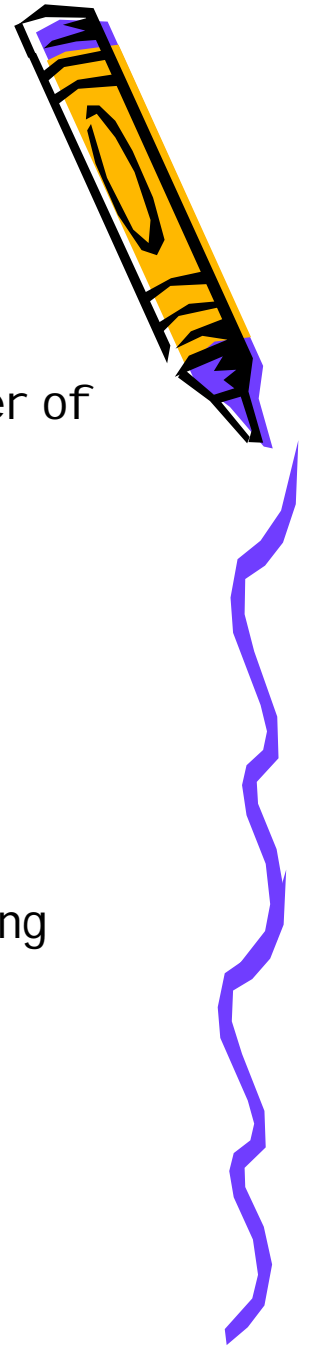
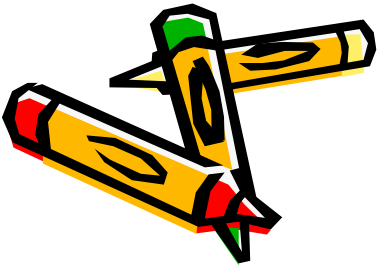
- Retelling
- Creating sensory images
- Making connections
- Inferring
- Determining importance
- Asking questions



Why Reader's Workshop?

Our District has adopted the Reader's Workshop for a number of reasons:

- ② Assessment drives instruction
- ② Every student reads a "just right" book
- ② Key strategies are explicitly modeled
- ② Students have choice and ownership of in their reading
- ② Experiences foster a love of reading



A "JUST RIGHT" BOOK



A "JUST RIGHT" book is a book that is matched to a child's individual abilities and interests.

"A "just right" book is comfortable. It isn't too easy, and it isn't too hard. It is interesting. It makes you think. You can read it over and over again and keep enjoying it."

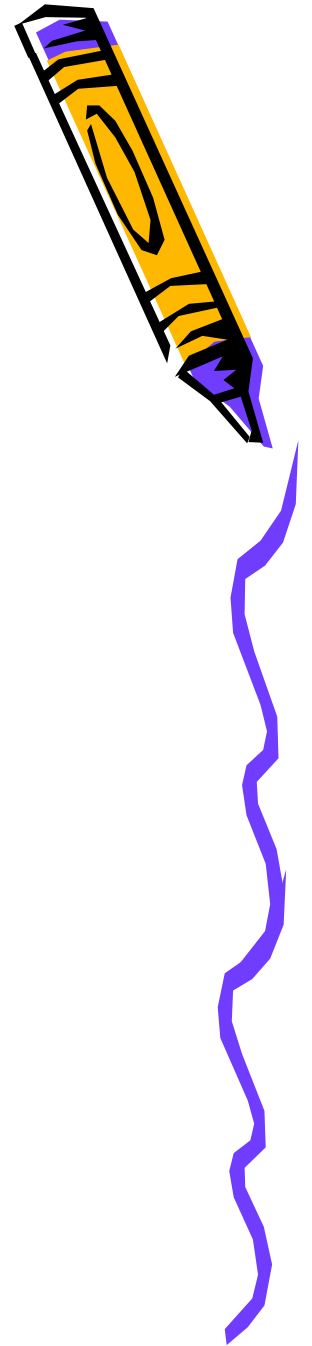
Current third graders



Writer's Workshop

What is WRITER'S
WORKSHOP?

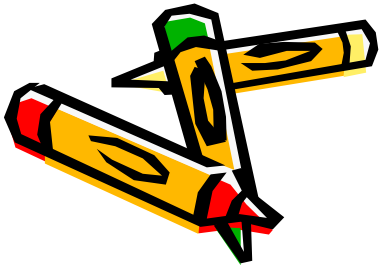
WRITER'S WORKSHOP, like Reader's Workshop, is a research based approach to writing that will be implemented in all classrooms throughout Naquag and the entire Wachusett District. WRITER'S WORKSHOP addresses the needs of ALL students.



Components of WRITER'S Workshop



- **Focus lesson**
 - Teacher explicitly models
 - the process and conventions of writing
- **Independent Writing**
 - Students write independently
 - Teacher confers with individual students about their writing
 - Small group instruction with children of similar needs
- **Group Share**
 - Group gathers together to share their writing



What do students write?

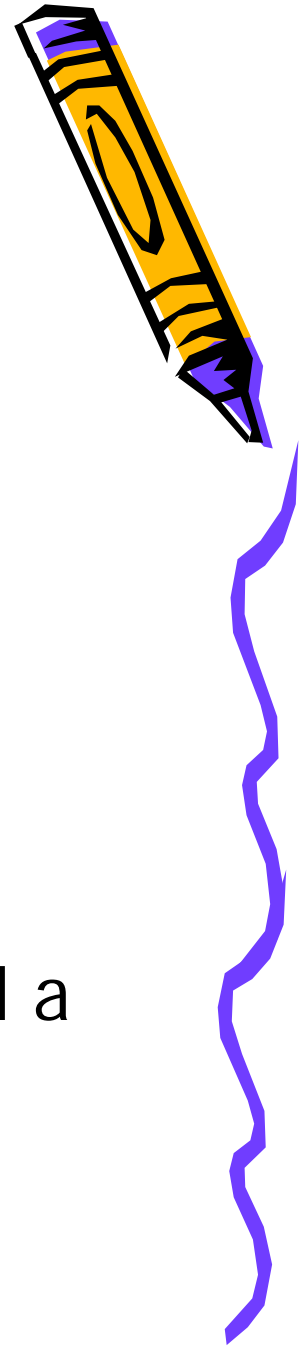


The teacher may ask the students to write in a particular genre, or practice writing techniques related to a unit of study such as personal narratives, poetry, or nonfiction.

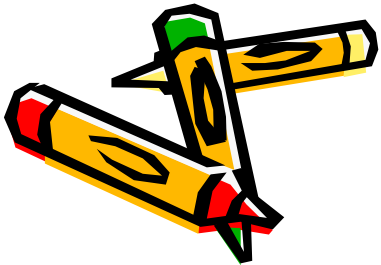
Specific writing topics are selected by the students based on their own personal experiences and interests.



Why Writer's Workshop?



- The Writers' Workshop supports and complements Readers' Workshop
- Writing craft and conventions are explicitly modeled
- Assessment drives instruction
- Students have choice and ownership in their writing
- Experiences foster self-expression and a love of writing



Language:

Humor

Brainstorming

Figurative Language

Alphabetizing

Homonyms

Synonyms

Possessives

Letter-

Sound Associations

Parts of Speech

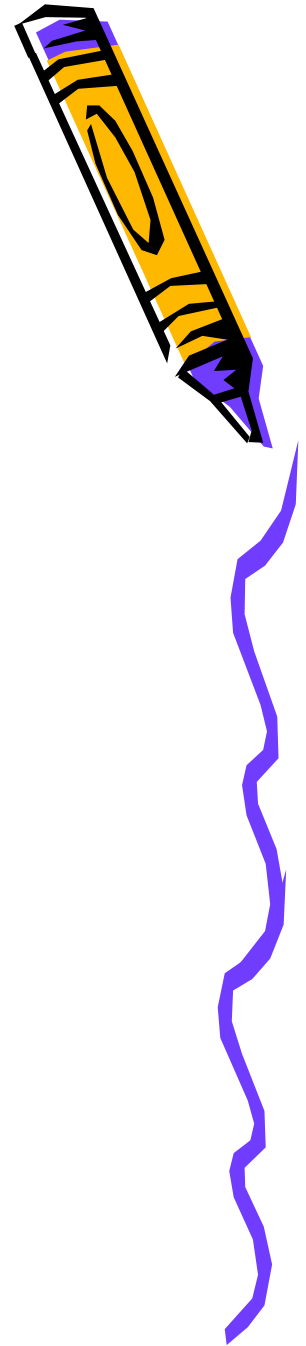
Adjectives

Verbs

Nouns

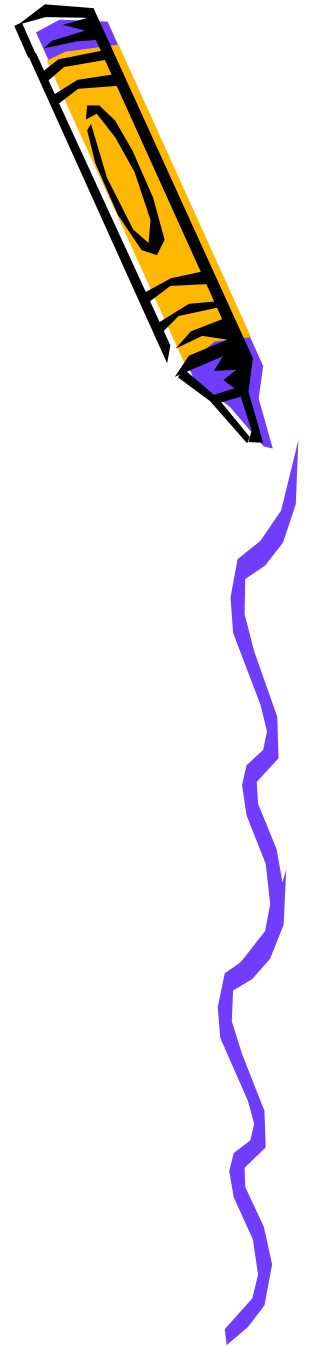
Pronouns

Presentation



Third Grade Goals

- **Develop independence**
- **Develop organizational skills**
- **Develop study and work habits**



Thank you!



You are invited to visit your child's classroom at this time.

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Mrs. Harris Room 106

Mrs. Borowiec Room 107

