

High-Performance Writing
Intermediate Narrative Writing

School-Home Link

Dear _____,

During the next few weeks, your child will be working on Narrative Writing at the Intermediate Level. A narrative is a story, and your child will be learning to write several different types of stories. Besides learning to write stories, your child will be learning important language arts skills such as rules for grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. Your child will also be learning how to organize ideas in order to be a better writer.

Here are some things you can do with your child at home:

1. Talk about your favorite stories with your child. These can be stories you've read and remembered (such as *The Wizard of Oz*), or they can be stories you've heard from family members (like the time Uncle Henry forgot the food for the picnic). Then ask your child to tell you his or her favorite stories.
2. Your child will be writing some stories at school and bringing them home. Ask your child to read them to you. Praise your child's writing. Post it on the refrigerator. Share it with other family members. Talk about other stories your child might write.
3. Read some favorite stories to your child—either yours or your child's. Or have your child read some favorite stories to you. Talk about the stories and discuss what makes them favorites. What does the author do to interest you in the story? Why is the story exciting?
4. Visit the library to select books to bring home for sharing stories. Ask if your library offers a weekend story hour. It's a great way for your child to learn about and hear good stories.
5. Provide paper and a pen or a pencil for your child to write a story just for you or as a gift for a friend or relative. Help your child with spelling as needed. Stapling an attractive cover on the story will make it special.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about the writing we're doing at school, please feel free to call me or meet with me.

Your child's teacher,
