

Engaging Early Writers with Interactive Writing Lessons



Why Interactive Writing?



- A **fun and dynamic** way to approach writing instruction
 - Especially for younger students starting to **build a writing skillset**
- Affording **opportunities to students** to participate and feel like readers and writers
 - Teacher guides the class but **students actively participate** and write throughout the lesson

What is Interactive Writing?



- Focusing on **foundational literacy skills**
- Moving onto advanced skills like **grammar and mechanics**
- Acknowledging **individual strengths** of students
- **Scaffolding each other's understandings** among students
 - Most importantly, **individual writing growth**

Interactive Writing Lessons for Preschoolers



- Interactions to support **early emergent writing development** for preschoolers
- Scaffolding preschoolers to **express their ideas** on paper
- Moving students **beyond the scribbling phase** of emergent writing

How to Implement Interactive Writing ?



- **Integrate Interactive Writing** into Morning Message Time (MMT)
 - **Engage students** in calendar, weather, attendance, and discussion themes
 - **Whole group instruction**
 - **Provide writing materials** for students to write on (elicit writing from students)
- **Journaling Activities**
 - Engage students in writing who are **hesitant writers**
 - Allow students to be **creative and inventive**
 - **Explore the craft and conventions of writing** within personal spaces (e.g. journals)

Additional Benefits



- Provides opportunities for students to attend to **sense-making in writing**
- **Reinforces concepts of print** authentically (e.g. read from left to right, punctuation, capitalization)
- Promotes **word solving strategies**
- **Connects** whole group writing to independent writing assignments