

Mini-Lesson: Generating Ideas by Storytelling (Kindergarten)

Intention (Skill): Generating Ideas

Teaching Point (Strategy): Writers use the stories they told their partners as topics for their stories during Writer's Workshop.

Connection: Yesterday we practiced telling stories to our partners.

Today, I want to teach you that you can use the story you told your partner as a topic for your story during Writer's Workshop.

Teach: Let me show you what I mean. Yesterday I told you a story about the time I went to my stepson's marching band competition. It kept raining, but they kept going, and our umbrellas were too small, so they weren't working. We got wet. Watch me as I write that story today.

(Model writing story in a booklet.)

Pg. 1: Sitting in stands before rain, happy

Pg. 2: Starting to rain, holding umbrellas

Pg. 3: Wet

Did you notice how I used the story I told you yesterday to write my story today?

Active Engagement: Now it's your turn to try it. You are going to turn to your partner and tell them a story. Partner A will talk first while Partner B listens. Then we will trade, and Partner B will tell their story while Partner A listens.

(Listen in to partner talk.)

Link: So today you're going to write the story you just told your partner. Remember that any time you are writing, you can write stories that you've already told.

Share: (Look for students whose written stories match oral stories. Make them famous.)