

Writing Workshop Guidelines

- ➔ During lessons and read-alouds, listen carefully and be thoughtful. Be ready to respond to one another, build on each other's ideas, and share your thinking. We are always learning from each other.
- ➔ Come prepared each day with your Writer's Notebook and a pen or pencil, ready to write.
- ➔ During independent writing time:
 - Work quietly on notebook entries, drafts, revisions, editing, etc.;
 - Reread your writing often—ideas and clarity often come when you do this;
 - Look over the mentor texts if you need inspiration or clarification; and
 - Jot down questions that you have for the teacher and ask them during your next conference.
- ➔ Please do not interrupt a writing conference (teacher/student or student/student).
- ➔ When engaging in a peer conference, listen first, then give constructive, positive feedback.
- ➔ Members of our writing community write and read often, take risks with their writing, write what they care about, share their ideas, and support one another.