



Dear Families,

We are launching a "Writing Review" unit in Writing Workshop. This unit is bringing opinion writing into First Grade. The goal of this unit is to help first graders appreciate the powers and purposes of writing. The students will learn that people sort, rank, categorize, explain, convince, persuade, argue, give in and change in their writing and ideas. Children will learn to write reviews where they make and defend judgments. The Common Core Standards call for First graders to be able to compose opinion pieces which they "introduce the topic, or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure". Students will be writing review after review, writing about anything and everything: toys, restaurants, books, movies, video games, and the works! They will continue to edit, revise and publish throughout the unit! We are very excited about this genre of writing and we look forward to everyone reading our Published Reviews!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Teachers