



* Dear Families, *



* We are starting our next unit of study in writing workshop. *

* This unit will focus on students writing realistic fiction stories. *

* We will be teaching the children how to story tell and plan out *

* their realistic fiction stories. Students will be reading many *

* stories with strong characters in their "just right" books during *

* reading workshop and will hopefully emulate these characters *

* when they write. They will focus on how characters in stories *

* face problems, overcome these problems (with help from others *

* and on their own) and develop solutions. We will be reading aloud *

* many stories and studying characters together as well as creating *

* a class character. When writing realistic fiction stories the *

* students will be creating a character of their own and writing *

* problems and solutions their character will encounter. We will be *

* using some books as our mentor texts that have characters that *

* are people and offer situations that possibly mirror the lives of *

* first grade children. Some of these books are Knuffle Bunny by *

* Mo Willems, Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes , Whistle *

* for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats, Pinky and Rex and the School Play *

* by James Howe and Max's Breakfast by Rosemary Wells. At *

* home, you could always reread these books or other similar books *

* and discuss the character and the problems/solutions he or she *

* encounters. You can help your child think of other possible *

* problems and solutions that this character could encounter. *

* Please make sure they are realistic! We are very excited about *

* this upcoming unit and we look forward to going through the *

* writing process and publishing realistic fiction stories! We can't *

* wait for you to read them☺!



* Sincerely, *

* The First Grade Teachers *

