

READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP

OVERVIEW

Reading and writing workshop can be thought of and broken into three distinct pieces:

1. Independent Reading/Writing
2. Guided Reading/Writing
3. Genre Study

A reading and writing workshop is an organized set of language and literacy experiences which are presented in the form of a mini-lesson, individual reading/writing, conferring, and sharing.

Essential Characteristics

- A community of learners
- Genuine talk, reading and writing
- Individual strengths and needs
- Individual and group responsibility
- High expectations for achievement
- High level of engagement

Advantages

- Builds an effective reading/writing process
- Increases the amount students read/write
- Increases ownership of and commitment to reading/writing
- Broadens literary experiences
- Develops responsibility for reading and writing
- Teaches collaboration