



Creating Print Rich Classrooms A Blueprint for Success

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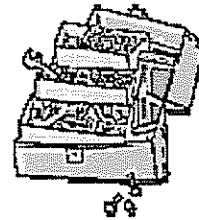
What is authentic writing?

- Writing that provides children with opportunities to respond to real world experiences
- What are some examples?



Why is authentic writing important?

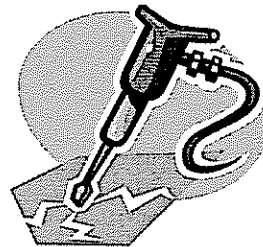
- “Most researchers agree that children construct their own knowledge of many aspects of written language as they attempt to produce it for their own purposes.”
- McGee and Richgels, 1996



When can authentic writing occur?

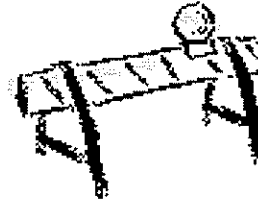
- During play activities
- Through classrooms routines
- Across the curriculum

- “A writer needs a purpose of reason for writing, and purposes arise from all circumstances of life” Gay Su Pinnell, 2002,



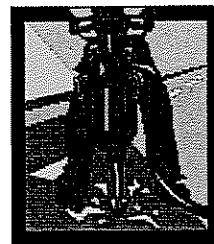
Why do shared writing?

- Children and teacher are both involved in the process and talk about what they are writing
- Children can contribute ideas
- Children develop understanding about concepts about print
- Teacher writes down children's ideas so children learn that what they say can be written down
- Shared writing becomes reading material that has meaning



What do children learn from shared writing experiences?

- That what we say can be written down
- That what we write can be read by others
- That writing goes from left to right
- That we leave spaces between words
- That letters are formed a certain way
- That we can recognize familiar words



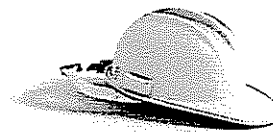
What are shared writing opportunities?

- Daily news
- Experience charts
- Graphic organizers



How else can we provide writing opportunities?

- Morning message
- School and family news
- Journals
- Sign in sheets
- Children's dictations
- Children made books
- Lists
- Greeting cards
- Environmental print
- A writing Center
- Reasons to write in centers



How do you encourage a child to become a writer?

- Vary the writing instruments
- Use all sorts and sizes of paper
- Model writing
- Provide interactive writing experiences
- Have clearly written samples of common words and phrases
- Create thematic paper to write on

