

Launching (Lesson 27) Publishing Celebration

Minilesson Teaching Point: Share writing with peers.

Standard(s):

Materials:

- Students' writing piece for publishing celebration.
- Students paired with partner
- Sticky notes.
- Balloons (optional)
- Cups and grape juice/apple juice, etc.

Connection:

"Writers, I'm so excited! Today is a big day. It is our publishing celebration!"

Teach (modeling):

*"When authors **publish** their writing, they celebrate it by sharing it with others. Today we are going to celebrate our writing with the whole group and then with your partner. Take out your writing piece and get in a circle."*

Taking time to celebration the children's work is very important. It helps give students purpose for their writing and it's an opportunity for self-expression. Writing celebrations do not have to be grandiose.

Explain to students what they are going to be doing. You can actually practice the celebration the day prior during the "closure/sharing" part of writing workshop.

Active Engagement (guided practice):

Students go around in a circle and share their posted page or selected writing piece with the whole group. This should go rather quickly.

Bridge to Independent Practice:

"Writers, congratulations! You should all feel very proud of your writing pieces!"
"As you go off and read to your partner, use a strong voice. And, partners, listen closely and remember to give your partner a compliment about their writing. Tell them one thing you liked about their story. Also, remember to ask them a question." If partners finish before others, have them share additional stories with each other.

Closure:

Give a toast and allow for others to give a toast, if they wish. Drink juice, eat grapes, etc. Have fun!

Reflection:

Resources & References: (adapted from, acknowledgments)

Calkins, Lucy and Mermelstein, Leah. Launching the Writing Workshop. pp. 116-120.