

Tips for Supporting Student Writers

DO be an authentic audience

Take delight in students' writing ideas!

Give general encouragement -

- **Do Say** - Think about all the things you could write about
- **Do Say** - Go ahead, start writing.
- **Do Say** - You're doing a good job.
- **Do Say** - Keep writing!

Writing Topics

DO stay general

Do Say - Think about all the topic ideas you have in your head.

DON'T give specific topics

Don't Say - You could write about what you did on the weekend.

Don't Say - You could write about something that makes you happy.

Words & Ideas

DO redirect students & suggest they think for themselves

Do Say - Remember the words you have in your head.

DON'T suggest specific words or ideas

Don't Say - You could tell us what happened when you went hunting.

Don't Say - You should tell us who is in your story?

Don't Say You could use the word "ran."

Supporting Spelling

DO suggest fearless spelling

Do Say - Remember to be a fearless speller - We want you to try spelling words on your own. We know that you can do it.

DON'T spell or sound out words

Don't Say - It starts with a "b."

Don't Say - What sound comes next? It sounds like "oo."