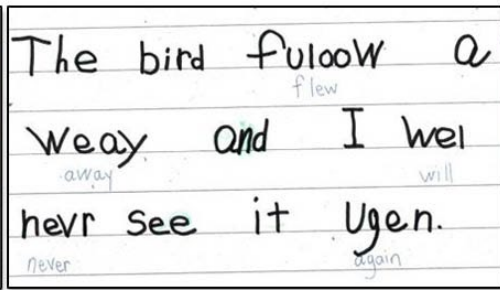


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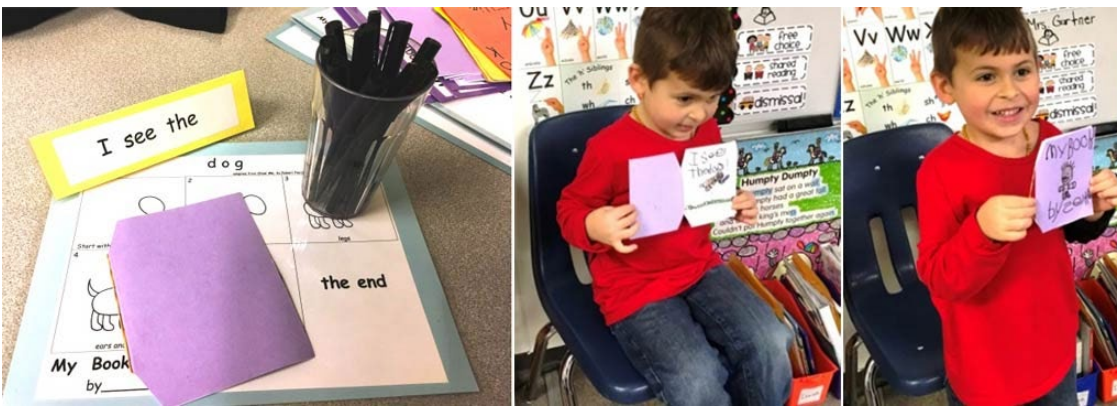
1. **Build a consistent, dependable writing workshop routine** that honors kid writers with choice of topic, differentiated learning, individual coaching, and carefully-crafted minilessons.



2. **Provide illustration study and guided drawing lessons early in the year.** Teach students to outline in black and carefully fill in the drawing with color. (See [What Makes a Quality Illustration](#))



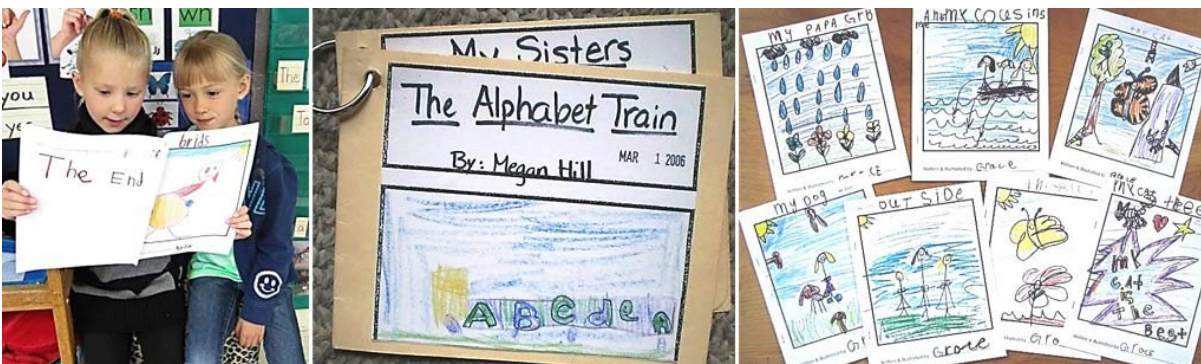
3. **Teach kindergartners—with Parents as Partners—to build fluency with two kinds of words:** a growing collection of writing-to-read heart words they are expected to know "by heart" and words they learn to listen to, stretch through, and use **phonics-based spelling** for. Use "quick writes" (encode sounds to print) to build sequential sound segmentation skills.



4. Teach children to draw, write sentences, and make books. Create independent writing centers for authentic word work to build motivation and stamina for writing workshop.



5. Understand the stages of early writing development and how to build appropriate assessment and carefully-crafted minilessons. Share writing development photos with parents and ask: **"Where do you think your child is right now as a writer?"** We see a four-year span of writing development for students entering kindergarten.



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