

# Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

## Writing Workshop Folder (Grades 2-3)

### This Really Good Stuff® product includes:

- 12 Writing Workshop Folders
- Writing Topics Reproducible
- This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

Congratulations on your purchase of these **Really Good Stuff® Writing Workshop Folders**, an excellent tool for students to use for organizing and storing the stages of their writing for Writing Workshops in all genres.

With the **Writing Workshop Folder**, students have a complete organizational system for storing their ongoing daily writing work. The folder contains pocket pages for the four stages of writing: Ideas, 1st Draft, Edit, and Publish. To support students, the cursive alphabet, Arabic numerals from 1 to 10, and the CUPS editing guide are printed on the inside pockets. A handy and comprehensive list of spelling challenge words is printed on the back cover for easy student reference.

### Using the Writing Workshop Folder

The first pocket page is *Ideas*. Copy the *Writing Topics Reproducible* for students and have them keep it in this first pocket to list ideas for possible writing topics as they think of them. If something interesting or inspiring happens in a student's day, he or she can write down the idea for a later piece of writing. They can record their favorite ideas on the lines of the Idea Bank. There is also a printed list of writing topics inside the folder to give students ideas should they have "writer's block."

In addition to the *Ideas* pocket, students keep a maximum of three pieces of work in the folder at one time. Students keep ongoing work in the *1st Draft* pocket until it is ready to edit. Then they move it to the *Edit* pocket to await their time for a conference with the teacher. If the student will be publishing the piece of work, he or she moves it to the *Publish* pocket.

Topics	
my dog, Buddy	summer camp
my big sister	soccer team

The student can publish it by hand or on a computer with assistance if necessary. Students generally publish work only three or four times a year. Students share work ready for publishing during their teacher conference time. If a student wants to keep their work without publishing it, store extra writing in a crate with a hanging file folder for each student. Students can revisit those pieces for editing or completing at a later time.

At the end of the semester, clean out hanging folders with student work and have students take the pieces home, unless a student has a piece of writing that he or she is particularly interested in completing. This mass of work in the **Writing Workshop Folder** and in the hanging file folders gives you important information about the student's growth or lack of progress in writing. With this information you can address particular problems students might have, such as beginning many pieces of work and discarding them without carrying them through all the writing stages to publishing.

### CUPS Editing Guide

The CUPS editing guide is printed on the "Edit" pocket. CUPS stands for *Capitals, Understanding, Punctuation, and Spelling*. This guide is designed to support students' self-editing. Encourage students to look at their own work and use the guide to check their work against these four criteria. Another way to use the CUPS editing guide is to pair students and have them edit each other's work. Students check each other's work using the CUPS criteria and offer suggestions for making the content clearer, more correct, and more lively and interesting.

### Spelling Challenge Words

On the back cover of the **Writing Workshop Folder**, there is an alphabetized list of 125 high-frequency spelling words. These are words that students at this level use often in their writing. This guide serves as a handy reference for students as they are writing, saving them the time and difficulty of always having to consult a dictionary. In addition, having these frequently encountered words so readily available helps students to master their spellings.

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