

#4thchat

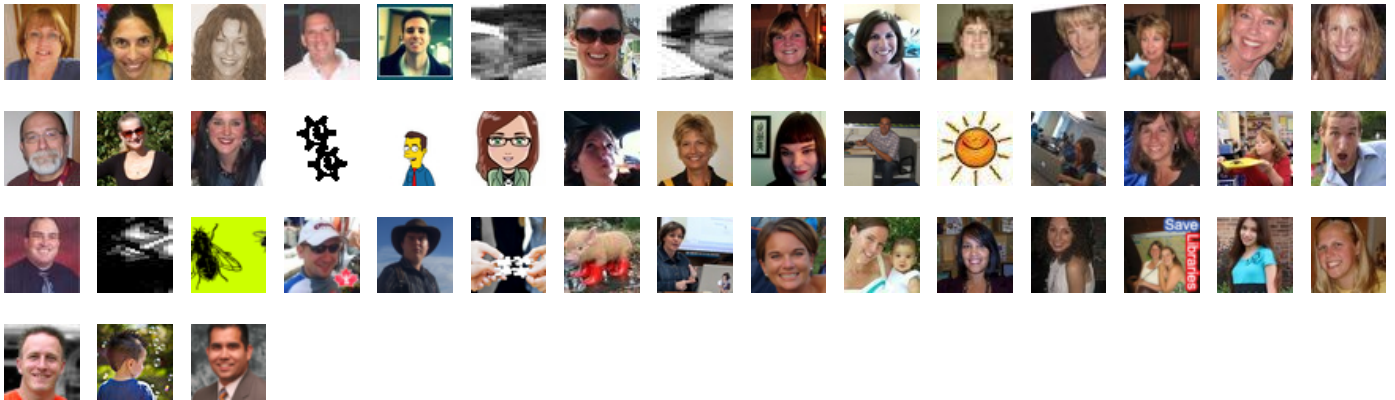
4thChat Writing

Writing Strategies

Trending Words

writing, rt, students, -, write, use, great, kids, love, @ncarroll24, @plnaugle, &, thanks, @jmplus2, @newfirewithin

Event Participants





@MrsTG Actually I'm still working on getting them use capital letters and ending punctuation. I'm pretty happy when they do that. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:26 | barbaraday



RT @plnaugle: 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:22 | edtechworkshop



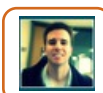
#4thchat All your brilliant ideas are making me miss teaching fourth grade writing.

12-Apr-11 01:19 | closetcynic



RT @plnaugle: 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:18 | bobgreenberg



@plnaugle thanks we do a lot of VT-ing across the curriculum :) Thanks for the #4thchat !

12-Apr-11 01:18 | dreambition



RT @newfirewithin: Writing teachers need to give students a voice & choice. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:18 | kgroshek



@afmc4 #4thchat is the place to be on Monday nights @ 8PM I hope you can join the conversation next week It is right up @mvps4th alley

12-Apr-11 01:18 | scitechyEDU



DOUBLE woohoo for 7 CST!! --> RT @jmplus2: @becky7274 thank you. whoohoo for 7cst!!!! :-)) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:17 | newfirewithin



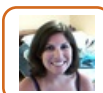
RT @MR_Avery: Another idea is snowball fights- Have students write ideas on paper, crumple them up, have a snowball fight, then pick up and share #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:16 | closetcynic



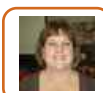
@BarbaraDay #4thchat A really great way to print Google docs is to click "file" then download as a word doc.

12-Apr-11 01:16 | lookforsun



My puppies have been loud and crazy while trying to participate in DEN conference and #4thchat tonight. Now, completely quiet. #figures

12-Apr-11 01:14 | deenawarwick



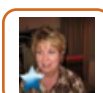
@plnaugle #4thchat I really enjoyed participating. You rock!

12-Apr-11 01:13 | janwells



@janwells Just added your class. We're working on building our following at @mrstgskiddos ! Thanks! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:13 | Mrstg



@dreambition Loving your VT resources. Glad I met you tonight on #4thchat.

12-Apr-11 01:12 | plnaugle



@becky7274 thank you. whoohoo for 7cst!!!! :-)) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:12 | jmplus2



#4thchat ... As we say in our club meeting notes around here, "...and a good time was had by all!" Thanks!! :-)

12-Apr-11 01:09 | Mrstg



@plnaugle Thanks, part of getting older. Hard on fingers but keeps my brain from getting rusty. Love working with you. Thanks! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:09 | g4husky



Do you have any thoughts/topics for next week's #4thchat. Send them my way and the poll will be up by tomorrow. :-)

12-Apr-11 01:09 | jmplus2



#4thchat My 4th grade Twitter name 4jwells let's connect our students

12-Apr-11 01:08 | janwells



RT @becky7274: Thank you, thank you to @newfirewithin@jmplus2 @ncarroll24 @plnaugle for another AWESOME chat. Big puffy hearts all around! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:08 | 4thGrdTeach



@scfuhs ahhh! we love having you. hope my kiddos are still sending you good comments. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:07 | jmplus2



RT @plnaugle: Have stds write scripts for a Voki they create. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:07 | 8Amber8



#4thchat Thank you @plnaugle

12-Apr-11 01:07 | janwells



#4thchat Here's a link to personal narrative podcast process:
<http://maureendevlin.edublogs.org/2011/01/13/personal-narrative-podcasts/>

12-Apr-11 01:07 | lookforsun



Catch #4thchat next Monday night at 7 PM CST. Be sure to follow @jmplus2 for the latest poll on our next topic.

12-Apr-11 01:07 | newfirewithin



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12-Apr-11 01:07 | becky7274



Whew! This was great. Thanks to each of you! Arthritis is killing my fingers but well worth it. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:07 | g4husky



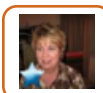
Last #4thchat contribution: for great writing ideas follow the branches of @826National: @826Michigan @826Chi et al

12-Apr-11 01:07 | engaginged



RT @jmplus2: Thank you @plnaugle @newfirewithin and @ncarroll24 for mediating. you are a great team! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:07 | MrWirth323



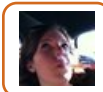
@jmplus2 @newfirewithin @ncarroll24 Glad to be included in your team. Outstanding chat tonight #4thchat.

12-Apr-11 01:07 | plnaugle



Thank you to all the #4thchat teacher peeps that joined us this evening. The conversation was so valuable. Y'all rock!

12-Apr-11 01:05 | newfirewithin



#4thchat love chatting with my 4th grade friends! Great chat!!

12-Apr-11 01:05 | scfuhs



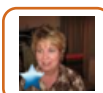
@ncarroll24 I'll put up the reflection sheet on the wiki if you'd like #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:05 | becky7274



@CYarzy Great use of Glogster for writing! Thanks for sharing! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:05 | g4husky



I'll try to add links tonight. RT @newfirewithin: Here is the #4thchat Diigo group started by @plnaugle <http://ow.ly/4y5AQ>

12-Apr-11 01:05 | plnaugle



#4thchat Teach grammar as "common problems" based on frequent errors in kids' real work. Show them their own sentences.

12-Apr-11 01:05 | allisonberryhil



RT @plnaugle: 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:05 | weissallison



@BarbaraDay #4thchat Don't throw baby out w/bathwater. That's why I like WriteSource-Includes, "How can I improve my writing w/nouns?" section.

12-Apr-11 01:05 | Mrstg



@MrsTG we do @mvps4th Our 4 graders would love to connect #mvpschool #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:05 | scitechyEDU



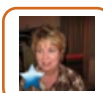
RT @newfirewithin: Here is the #4thchat Diigo group started by @plnaugle <http://ow.ly/4y5AQ> also join <http://4thchat.wikispaces.com/>

12-Apr-11 01:04 | jmplus2



Huge thanks to fellow mods: @jmplus2 @ncarroll24 @plnaugle on a wonderful #4thchat! We couldn't even get it thru the door!

12-Apr-11 01:04 | newfirewithin



Okay, everybody take a deep breath. Can you believe another #4thchat hour is over. Great stuff, thanks everyone.

12-Apr-11 01:04 | plnaugle



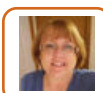
That went fast. Now maybe and can reread all the tweets and catch up. Thanks everyone! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:04 | barbaraday



Here is the #4thchat Diigo group started by @plnaugle <http://ow.ly/4y5AQ>

12-Apr-11 01:03 | newfirewithin



@lookforsun I must need a Google docs class. We were using them today, but sometimes they print other times not. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:03 | barbaraday



Thanks everyone. Really enjoyed it. No better place to get new ideas than from here on Twitter! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:02 | MR_Avery



@MrsTG I've heard the same, agree...why teach it in isolation when you can in practice? It's not surgery or anatomy, it's writing! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:02 | MrWirth323



@MrsTG I'm hearing that at school, but then people aren't teaching it at all. I think it needs to be taught, but in minilessons #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:02 | barbaraday



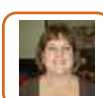
RT @janwells: #4thchat Fantastic night, thanks to everyone

12-Apr-11 01:02 | ncarroll24



@becky7274 Nice idea - I like that! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:02 | ncarroll24



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12-Apr-11 01:02 | janwells



#4thchat Thanks so much to everyone for your wonderful ideas about writing - see you all next week :-)

12-Apr-11 01:02 | MaryKK



@Mrstg as a staff we r looking closer at grammar. weaving it in more naturally,using mentor text and focusing it more in editing #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | jmplus2



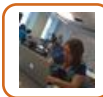
@newfirewithin I'll start on the archive now! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | ncarroll24



Give kids informal feedback during conferences & comments on blog. They pick 3 best pieces for me to grade for progress reports #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | becky7274



@MrsTG I read that somewhere recently 2, which is why I stopped doing "Daily Lang. Review." I noticed it was counterproductive. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | SARAallen91



RT @newfirewithin: Here is a delightful little podcast about #writing by @AngelaMaiers & well worth your hour. <http://ow.ly/4y5p7> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | Mrstg



RT @powell4thgrade: Thank you all for the wonderful ideas! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | ncarroll24



RT @dreambition: Glad to hear of all the #Voicethread use! Here is my collection of VT resources <http://t.co/g9oJYmH> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:01 | 8Amber8



We aren't even scratching the surface about writing tonight. Be SURE to read the archive at the #4thchat wiki --> <http://ow.ly/4y5xw>

12-Apr-11 01:01 | newfirewithin



@newfirewithin Can't believe an hour has gone by! I really enjoy our chats #4thchat

12-Apr-11 01:00 | ncarroll24



@newfirewithin #4thchat my assessing depends on the purpose of the writing

12-Apr-11 01:00 | janwells



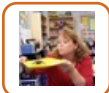
#4thchat Thanks so much. So many wonderful links and ideas. We're nurturing the next generation of authors!!!!

12-Apr-11 01:00 | lookforsun



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12-Apr-11 01:00 | dreambition



RT @plnaugle: I need to try this. RT @janwells: #4thchat you can embed a google doc into Edmodo, send/assign to group and collaborate.....great tool

12-Apr-11 00:59 | IreneKistler



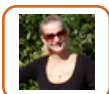
#4thchat I read meta-analysis (chap in book) that said teaching grammar in isolation has negligible or harmful effect on writing. Thoughts?

12-Apr-11 00:59 | Mrstg



Hardly scratched the surface tonite! RT @ncarroll24: How do you assess writing? Rubrics for content? For conventions? Other? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:59 | newfirewithin



@plnaugle I agree #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:59 | 4thGrdTeach



@downrightdave @ncarroll24 #4thchat Reviewing work is so time consuming - I try to mainly conference one-to-one, Google docs helps a lot.

12-Apr-11 00:59 | lookforsun



@MrWirth323 Thank you. Definitely find it gets students engaged in writing process, both through posts and comments. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:58 | MR_Avery



@lookforsun I like doing that and I have been doing more of that. I don't like marking up their creative writing or any writing...#4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:58 | ncarroll24



RT @lookforsun: @newfirewithin @AngelaMaiers #4thchat Looking forward to watching this, and sharing.

12-Apr-11 00:58 | powell4thgrade



@ncarroll24 We have district rubrics for multi-paragraph pieces. I adapt for the kids' shorter posts #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:58 | becky7274



Tell a Story in 5 Pictures <http://bit.ly/h0OGxi> #4thChat

12-Apr-11 00:58 | scitechyEDU



@MaryKK Fairy Tales in Croatia. Holocaust reflections in Israel. Waiting for word from a school in Illinois. Will answer your email #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:58 | g4husky



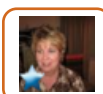
@4thgrdteach Even you can do that, Mrs. Ripp! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | newfirewithin



Or 33... RT @ncarroll24: Sometimes correcting 25 compositions can be overwhelming. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | downrightdave



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12-Apr-11 00:57 | plnaugle



Here is a delightful little podcast about #writing by @AngelaMaiers & well worth your hour. <http://ow.ly/4y5p7> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | newfirewithin



Anyone else use Marcia Freeman program with target skills? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | powell4thgrade



@plnaugle I was looking at that, but not sure I have enough to meet the minimum pages. But I'll look more closely. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | becky7274



Sometimes correcting 25 compositions can be overwhelming. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | ncarroll24



@ncarroll24 I agree. Hope to find more ways to incorporate. Love using webcam as well. Students can see/hear expressions #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:57 | MR_Avery



@ncarroll24 #4thchat What took you so long is how busy you probably were planning five or so lessons a day - we have a big job!

12-Apr-11 00:56 | lookforsun



@ncarroll24 We use Marcia Freeman Writing program- have rubrics for content and conventions we use every few weeks..#4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | powell4thgrade



@scitechyEDU why thank you! We are a "newbi" group that grows each week. glad to have you. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | jmplus2



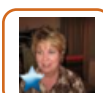
<http://storybird.com/> sorry I forgot the hyperlink #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | DCraig42



@mr_avery Wow, nice blog! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | MrWirth323



@becky7274 Can use Lulu to self-publish <http://bit.ly/lldCS>. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | plnaugle



How do you assess writing? Rubrics for content? Rubrics for conventions? Other? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:56 | ncarroll24



I am happy to share my connections. Too many to list here. Email me if you wish g4husky@mac.com #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:54 | g4husky



@mr_avery Love Voicethread...great way to share & comment back! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:54 | ncarroll24



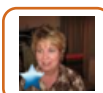
@ncarroll24 #4thchat Thanks, I'll take a look.

12-Apr-11 00:54 | lookforsun



Awesome! RT @g4husky starting a story in one class, have another write the middle and a 3rd write the end. We do this globally #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:54 | dreamambition



@lookforsun @ncarroll24 Ewww, I guess writing from the fishes pt of view could be very graphic. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:54 | plnaugle



#4thchat I have three 4th grade writers composing novels on Google docs - after engaging in this chat, I must read -- catch up.

12-Apr-11 00:54 | lookforsun



@plnaugle @lookforsun and it's resolution is incredible for \$70...makes a good QR scanner too! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:54 | MrWirth323



@lookforsun We used to read Sierra by Diane Siebert and it starts off with personification...got the kids thinking. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | ncarroll24



RT @ncarroll24: @newfirewithin The pressure is on...I feel the same way...my head is spinning! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | powell4thgrade



@4thgrdteach Write a story in 25 words. ;) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | newfirewithin



Blog post about simile snowball fight - <http://bit.ly/fVz2Hf> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | MR_Avery



@plnaugle Showed the Ipevo link to IT - hope they purchase a couple #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | MaryKK



Right now, we are writing Fairy Tales with a school in Slavonski Brod, Croatia. Part of a city-wide celebration there. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | g4husky



@jmplus2 super... you all are doing a great job providing so many ideas and resources on writing 2night! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:53 | scitechyEDU



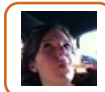
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12-Apr-11 00:53 | ncarroll24



@downrightdave: descriptive on partial and full solve of Rubik's, with illustrations #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:52 | wilderlab



@DCraig42 agreed! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:52 | scfuhs



@plnaugle @ncarroll24 #4thchat That's a great way to teach point of view - wonderful! So timely too.

12-Apr-11 00:52 | lookforsun



RT @lookforsun: #4thchat When children write often about what they know & care about, & teachers/others take time to encourage, celebrate, writing grows.

12-Apr-11 00:51 | FlyontheCWall



@downrightdave #4thchat Don't know if it is TweetDeck not keeping up or I am not keeping up! Great ideas but thank goodness for archive :-)

12-Apr-11 00:51 | MaryKK



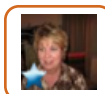
RT @mr_avery: snowball fights- students write ideas on paper, crumple them up, have a snowball fight, then pick up and share #4thchat LOVE!!

12-Apr-11 00:51 | becky7274



I stole from @jmsalsich - can do story starters, we've done examples of similes, etc, Just something to bring excitement to it #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:51 | MR_Avery



Ahh love this idea. RT @ncarroll24: @plnaugle My kids have written some wonderful short stories from the 'eagle's point of view. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:51 | plnaugle



@jmplus2 #4thchat Yes, the doc camera is the single best invention for teaching - awesome, everyone needs one.

12-Apr-11 00:50 | lookforsun



Mini lesson called "exquisite corpse" where students write shared story, sentence at a time; can only see a sentence before yours #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | MrWirth323



RT @MR_Avery: Another idea is snowball fights- Have students write ideas on paper, crumple them up, have a snowball fight, then pick up and share #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | FlyontheCWall



@g4husky What projects have you started? Think many of us might be interested in joining :-) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | MaryKK



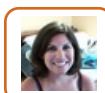
@scitechyEDU yes @ncarroll24 is our transcript expert and will post it to our web site <http://4thchat.wikispaces.com/> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | jmplus2



Forgot the hashtag on these student blogging ideas <http://goo.gl/9RI8x> (via @edublogs) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | engaginged



Someone shared www.oneword.com earlier this year. Keep meaning to use it, but always run out of time/forget till too late. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:50 | deenawarwick



storybird.com is a great resource for writing #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:49 | DCraig42



@jmplus2 #4thchat We also write a reflective piece at the end of year - one to keep in portfolios.

12-Apr-11 00:49 | lookforsun



I read picture books to my gr 5s daily...talk about "why" they're gr8.We stop &talk about the rhythm,the nature of the writing,etc. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:49 | FlyontheCWall



@g4husky wow, could be a lot of fun #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:49 | 4thGrdTeach



Will the #4thchat be archived w/ active links? I would love to share with my fellow teachers....

12-Apr-11 00:49 | scitechyEDU



@lookforsun #4thchat Well said!

12-Apr-11 00:49 | Mrstg



@g4husky This sounds like a lot of fun. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:49 | ncarroll24



@mgraiffin we hope you can. our web site is <http://4thchat.wikispaces.com/> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:49 | jmplus2



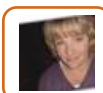
Looks like #4thchat is going to be a VERY handy arena when I can get the time :-) Will try & join in next week. Great learning & sharing

12-Apr-11 00:49 | mgraiffin



I feel like my TweetDeck feed for #4thchat is not keeping up, anybody having similar problems?

12-Apr-11 00:49 | downrightdave



RT @MR_Avery: Another idea is snowball fights- Have students write ideas on paper, crumple them up, have a snowball fight, then pick up and share #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:48 | Mrstg



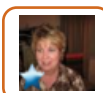
@barbaraday @MaryKK I'm right there with you on little parent interest. I blogged some frustrations here--> <http://ow.ly/4y5cL> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:48 | newfirewithin



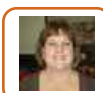
#4thchat There is a place for fiction too -- sometime real life is too hard to write about for children.

12-Apr-11 00:48 | lookforsun



If you can type you can make movies. Xtranormal has Edu acct now. <http://bit.ly/fO7QBV> on Education tab and follow directions. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:48 | plnaugle



#4thchat <http://bit.ly/hXsCQy> Writing w/ Scholastic

12-Apr-11 00:48 | janwells



Another idea is snowball fights- Have students write ideas on paper, crumple them up, have a snowball fight, then pick up and share #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:47 | MR_Avery



RT @newfirewithin: RT @g4husky: Don't forget to hone your own writing skills here with #25wordstory. My kids love writing them #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:47 | virtual_teach



@lookforsun yes, the power of modeling. :-)) so powerful. I also love ending with a 4th graders work under the doc camera. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:47 | jmplus2



@4thGrdTeach I started with a few projects on ePals. Built a core of a dozen classrooms. Now have 60+ partners globally. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:47 | g4husky



RT @lookforsun: #4thchat Calkins recommends that teachers write and share their own stories - I do that, when you do student projects, you can teach better.

12-Apr-11 00:47 | MrWirth323



@lookforsun We had a group from a girls school in Ireland when I taught second grade - it was a great connection #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | MaryKK



@g4husky Fun! Brevity is just as important as elaboration. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | newfirewithin



RT @deenawarwick: @jmplus2 The best writing I ever get from my students is 4th Grade Survival Tips they write for the next years classes. Hilarious! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | Mrstg



@plnaugle My kids have written some wonderful short stories from the 'eagle's point of view. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | ncarroll24



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12-Apr-11 00:46 | newfirewithin



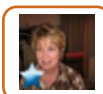
@MaryKK #4thchat I didn't have much luck at first, but recently we have met a nice Irish class of ePals.

12-Apr-11 00:46 | lookforsun



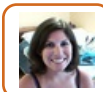
RT @newfirewithin: The previously mentioned <http://www.writingfix.com> has some great mini lessons. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | FlyontheCWall



Have stds write scripts for a Voki they create. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:46 | plnaugle



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12-Apr-11 00:46 | deenawarwick



#4thchat @newfirewithin me, too!

12-Apr-11 00:45 | janwells



@FlyontheCWall so glad you could join us. please tweet me ideas for next week's chat. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:45 | jmplus2



#4thchat Calkins recommends that teachers write and share their own stories - I do that, when you do student projects, you can teach better.

12-Apr-11 00:45 | lookforsun



@4thGrdTeach You can easily get a dozen stories circulating. It can be like MadLibs on steroids. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:44 | g4husky



Example of students practicing writing with detail and reciting their writing with a VoiceThread - <http://bit.ly/hWikgv> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:44 | MR_Avery



@mgraiffin welcome! #4thchat is 4thgrade teachers discussing on Mon. nights 7pm cst. we are talking about our writing practices

12-Apr-11 00:44 | jmplus2



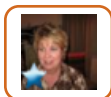
I'm dying here! I can't even come close to keeping up with the AMAZING conversation. Archive will be vital!! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:44 | newfirewithin



Gottah run! So cool ... thanks for all of the great ideas! Have cut & copied quite a few already!!! Thanks, thanks, thanks! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:44 | FlyontheCWall



Writer's block? Check out the Serendipitous Plot Creator on the Writing Fix <http://bit.ly/bER7A2> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:44 | plnaugle



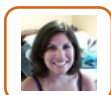
#4thchat Never had much luck with ePals - will need to look at it again as a possibility for next year

12-Apr-11 00:43 | MaryKK



@4thGrdTeach I agree with that. I've had kids say, "But I never really thought I was a writer before" #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:43 | becky7274



@ncarroll24 I do. I also share examples of similar styles we are writing, but I think for some kids, they just aren't ready yet. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:43 | deenawarwick



Very fun! RT @jmplus2: One of my Fav mini lesson: personification using items around the room. like the stapler, marker #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:42 | newfirewithin



Other projects: Functional writing for game directions & cartoon drawings, nonfiction writing using their fav country, #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:42 | jmplus2



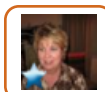
@downrightdave #4thchat We write several "small moment" personal narratives about significant personal moments.

12-Apr-11 00:42 | lookforsun



The previously mentioned <http://www.writingfix.com> has some great mini lessons. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:42 | newfirewithin



The Hamburger paragraph poster <http://bit.ly/glpzIV> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:41 | plnaugle



@MaryKK @plnaugle #4thchat Recent naturalist author suggested students write end. species research leads by observing videos & writing.

12-Apr-11 00:41 | lookforsun



@jplus2 I love this idea. One part of fig. language I struggle to teach well #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:41 | becky7274



RT @plnaugle: 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:41 | FlyontheCWall



Google has new lesson plan database for lessons involving their apps (e.g. docs) <http://goo.gl/pMXCX> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:41 | engaginged



How long is your writing workshop each day? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:41 | powell4thgrade



@powell4thgrade As often as possible!! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | scfuhs



@plnaugle Loved the trout in the next last week - will need to suggest that students blog about the eagles #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | MaryKK



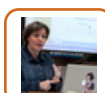
@lookforsun I never thought of that before with Ning. need to look into that. not sure about edmodo have to ask @plnaugle. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | jplus2



Sounds like we have a lot of blog enthusiasts, what other projects, genres, assignments have you had success with? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | downrightdave



RT @plnaugle: 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | cyndidannerkuhn



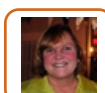
I use David Lubar's "Weenie" series: short stories, high interest, high return on writing investment! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | MrWirth323



Love it! RT @flyontheCWall: ... believe that all kids can be creative ;-) & model & talk a lot #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | newfirewithin



@newfirewithin @BarbaraDay ePals is an organization - you'll find if you Google, interesting. Offers a lot, I use a little. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | lookforsun



@ncarroll24 I allow more errors on wiki. Expect kids to edit to the best of their ability on the blog. It's our face to the world #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:40 | becky7274



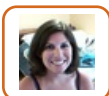
@lookforsun Thanks - this will match well with self portrait project students do w/art teacher #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | MaryKK



@powell4thgrade I read from a chapter book everyday & we always talk writing. Picture books are maybe 4 -5 per month. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | newfirewithin



@ncarroll24 I agree. So many kids can vocally share great ideas but have difficulty transferring to paper. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | deenawarwick



Don't forget to hone your own writing skills here with #25wordstory. My kids love writing them #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | g4husky



@Mrstg I sneak it in my morning message, try to make it more authentic. They edit my writing. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | scfuhs



Fav mini-lesson - similes using book written by students about class pet. Can barely read the book w/out tears, but they get it! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | becky7274



@downrightdave All of those can be used as great examples for writing...I use a mix! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | ncarroll24



RT @paytonhobbs: RT @newfirewithin: I think it's vital that writing teachers have a good attitude about it, and are writers themselves. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:39 | FlyontheCWall



@MrsTG @downrightdave #4thchat Thanks. That was a question we had when it came to Explorer.

12-Apr-11 00:39 | lookforsun



@corriekelly Thank you very much! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | powell4thgrade



Sharing is definitely important. Also great for students to hear themselves read. Great, easy tools are - VoiceThread, PhotoStory...#4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | MR_Avery



@dreambition Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein are two of my favorites! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | MaryKK



RT @newfirewithin: I tell my students to write like readers, and read like writers. It makes them think. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | Mrstg



@lookforsun there's a lot of complaining coming from a lot of important tools. :) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | jmplus2



@MaryKK self portrait poetry anthology unit <http://teacherweb.com/MA/HappyHollowElementary/MsDevlin/links2.aspx> Heard inspired. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | lookforsun



pen pals can be super fun too ... either within the school or outside the province :-) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:38 | FlyontheCWall



@lookforsun @downrightdave #4thchat I use highest level for 4th &5th. We do as shared activity so reading level isn't as imp

12-Apr-11 00:38 | Mrstg



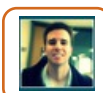
I am totally snagging all of these awesome links for interactive writing on #4thchat you guys rock!

12-Apr-11 00:37 | scitechyEDU



Have stds write Reader's Theater scripts of their favorite books to perform for end-of-yr showcase. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | plnaugle



@MaryKK Had fun reading some Jack P poems today as we kicked off poetry month after break! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | dreamambition



@MrsTG yes, I do like it. :) Shows 4th grade examples of writing and lots of tips and how tos. #4thchat (Write Source)

12-Apr-11 00:37 | jplus2



@ncarroll24 I think it's more because OTHER people can see their writing. It's not just for me, for some meaningless grade. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | becky7274



;-) RT @ncarroll24: @FlyontheCWall Sharing is the best part...stop and share along the way <http://deck.ly/~78XR6> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | FlyontheCWall



One thing that is a hit in my room is the "Writing Can". It is full of slips of paper with story starters. You draw a topic & write #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | barbaraday



@becky7274 #4thchat Inspiration isn't for everyone, but for some a good tool.

12-Apr-11 00:37 | lookforsun



RT @newfirewithin: I tell my students to write like readers, and read like writers. It makes them think. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:37 | downrightdave



@marykk I <3 Jack Prelutsky! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:36 | newfirewithin



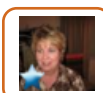
RT @paytonhobbs: RT @newfirewithin: I think it's vital that writing teachers have a good attitude about it, and are writers themselves. #4thchat

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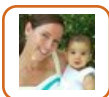
@powell4thgrade #4thchat Like FB, students have page and "friend" each other - I can see all comments, moderate.

12-Apr-11 00:36 | lookforsun



30 Ideas for Teaching Writing <http://bit.ly/ebgMR5> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:36 | plnaugle



RT @newfirewithin: I think it's vital that writing teachers have a good attitude about it, and are writers themselves. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:36 | paytonhobbs



@downrightdave Both kinds. All my read alouds are analyzed through a writing lens. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:35 | newfirewithin



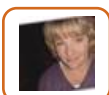
@MrsTG @downrightdave #4thchat Yes, Explorer is a good magazine - what level do you buy?

12-Apr-11 00:35 | lookforsun



@FlyontheCWall Sharing is the best part. Often we stop and share along the way #4thchat It is motivation fo... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~78XR6>

12-Apr-11 00:35 | ncarroll24



"@jmplus2: One of my Fav mini lesson: personification using items around the room. like the stapler, marker #4thchat love this!

12-Apr-11 00:35 | Mrstg



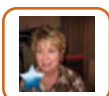
we call it "Table Talk" ;-) RT @jmplus2: Fav mini lesson: personification using items around the room. like the stapler, marker #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:35 | FlyontheCWall



@jmplus2 #4thchat Students must love that personification lesson -- What would the pencil sharpener that's always broken do and say? great

12-Apr-11 00:35 | lookforsun



Their next blog will be about observations they've made watching the eagles. <http://bit.ly/13TII1> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:35 | plnaugle



We've even used edmodo to connect with schools in other states for an "online book club." #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:34 | engaginged



RT @MR_Avery: I have my students write in 3D - using 3 different types of details in each paragraph - thought, action, and talking details. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:34 | scfuhs



ALso for struggling writers the book Love that Dog shows writing in a differ light. Rewarding the glows! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:34 | jmplus2



@downrightdave #4thchat I like Nat.Geo Explorer magazine. Kids get own copy and can highlight examples of good openings, closings, etc

12-Apr-11 00:34 | Mrstg



@becky7274 I totally agree Becky ! #4thchat Blogging has opened up a whole new world to the kids. They don'... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~ilbZ0>

12-Apr-11 00:34 | ncarroll24



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12-Apr-11 00:34 | MR_Avery



@powell4thgrade @janwells @jmplus2 #4thchat Does Edmondo give students their own page -- I like NING because each child has own page.

12-Apr-11 00:34 | lookforsun



@ncarroll24 Is your blog public or just for your school community? What about the students with writing difficulties? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:33 | Imslaluz



@janwells and mine students had a blast back channeling during a Skypye call. They really want to do it again, Jan. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:33 | plnaugle



@ncarroll24 I do the same with my kids, we discuss, we share with class for suggestions, yet still little change. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:33 | deenawarwick



If you don't have the time to read, you don't have the time or the tools to write." -Stephen King #4thchat // Mentor texts!

12-Apr-11 00:32 | newfirewithin



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12-Apr-11 00:32 | jmplus2



... believe that all kids can be creative ;-)& model & talk a lot #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:32 | FlyontheCWall



@plnaugle #4thchat students used Edmodo as a back channel during a Skype call.

12-Apr-11 00:32 | janwells



@downrightdave Bet they loved that! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:32 | ncarroll24



RT @janwells: @jmplus2 #4thchat yes, Edmodo is highly motivating, cross-curricular, and connecting outside the classroom. Agree!

12-Apr-11 00:32 | powell4thgrade



Totally agree. RT @janwells: @jmplus2 #4thchat yes, Edmodo is highly motivating, cross-curricular, and connecting outside the classroom.

12-Apr-11 00:32 | plnaugle



@deenawarwick It's hard for them to get that concept. I work on having the kids "SHOW" don't "TELL". using 5 sen ses #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:32 | ncarroll24



What books do you use as examples of good writing? Do you use more chapter books, picture books, poems, student examples? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:32 | downrightdave



#4thchat Scholastic has great Writing With Writers section, like using Jack Prelutsky for poetry writing

12-Apr-11 00:31 | MaryKK



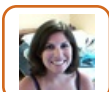
I have my stds write about math and SS on their blogs. Check them out. <http://bit.ly/dlqyNX> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:31 | plnaugle



@jmplus2 #4thchat yes, Edmodo is highly motivating, cross-curricular, and connecting outside the classroom.

12-Apr-11 00:31 | janwells



RT @powell4thgrade: Trying to get my students to elaborate with their writing. Suggestions? #4thchat <--Same here!

12-Apr-11 00:30 | deenawarwick



Edmodo also a huge hit in my room this year @jmplus2 #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | engaginged



@jmplus2 Roald Dahl uses a lot of imagery! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | ncarroll24



#4thchat We have Blue Balliet coming at the end of month so am reading The Wright 3 aloud and discussing her writing style #excited

12-Apr-11 00:30 | MaryKK



We used to do workshop model and used lots of Ralph Fletcher ideas, which I found very successful, but things are being dictated now #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | barbaraday



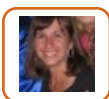
For author's craft lessons, I like Lois Lowry, Kate DiCamillo, and Mo Willems. So important to have mentor texts. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | newfirewithin



@MrsTG We had had Write Source for 2 yrs. Good paper/pencil skill and drill. I supplement with digital activities. Good prompts. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | g4husky



Trying to get my students to elaborate with their writing. Suggestions? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | powell4thgrade



RT @MrWirth323: If you haven't, tweeting to #comments4kids is a must after your students blog. Got scores of comments to motivate my writers #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:30 | FlyontheCWall



@George_Haines Very pretty looking...I'd be tempted to try it (& buy the final copies). #4thchat

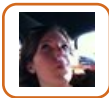
12-Apr-11 00:29 | ncarroll24



RT @mikemcqueen: As a librarian, I believe a GREAT way to connect writing is through reading, especially with books of interest to students!

#4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:29 | gottsled



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12-Apr-11 00:29 | scfuhs



@MaryKK Have had great success with parent involvement. Introduction to blog at Open House made a huge difference. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:29 | MR_Avery



@newfirewithin That is something I do not do enough of - use writers as models. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:29 | becky7274



More of my reluctant writers are enjoying edmodo. It's short writing and they can connect with their classmates. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:29 | jmplus2



RT @becky7274: Blogging has not just made my kids better it made them LIKE writing more. Makes writing time more enjoyable for me. :) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:28 | MrWirth323



#4thchat I've let student blogging go to the back burner, have to turn up the heat.

12-Apr-11 00:28 | janwells



#4thchat I just got Spilling Ink. It's a writing guide for teens, interested in seeing if it has potential use in elem.

12-Apr-11 00:28 | scfuhs



@BarbaraDay I like the P/T conf. idea #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | lmslaluz



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12-Apr-11 00:27 | FlyontheCWall



RT @jmplus2: What are some of your favorite authors when talking about a writer's craft? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | newfirewithin



@plnaugle We will do that. Been fishing for comments, but haven't used the #comments4kids tag! Thanks! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | engaginged



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12-Apr-11 00:27 | powell4thgrade



love lots of talking before, during, after writing ... love graphic organizers as well #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | FlyontheCWall



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12-Apr-11 00:27 | becky7274



ZooBurst is a dig s.telling tool that lets anyone easily create his or her own 3D pop-up books. <http://bit.ly/cGazT6> Check it out. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | plnaugle



@Mrstg Yes, I use write source but mostly just as another reference tool. Have you purchased them yet? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:27 | jmplus2



#4thchat Tomie DePola great for personal narratives!

12-Apr-11 00:26 | scfuhs



@becky7274 #4thchat Sometimes I make them all use graphic org. and sometimes not, also use software program "Inspiration." to web, organize.

12-Apr-11 00:26 | lookforsun



@g4husky i love Youblisher #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:26 | MrWirth323



RT @plnaugle: @engaged Tweet out each time they blog and use #comments4ids Watch what happens. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:26 | MrWirth323



@jplus2 Patricia Polacco, Eve Bunting are a couple great authors for mentor texts for 4th #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | lookforsun



@becky7274 It does make us focus. Writing is one of those things that could be left behind. We try to write everyday #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | ncarroll24



Which means no one who is not a member of the school website can leave comments. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | deenawarwick



RT @newfirewithin: Writing teachers need to give students a voice & choice. #4thchat YES!

12-Apr-11 00:25 | ReadingVacation



#4thchat anyone use Write Source textbooks?? Would love opinions

12-Apr-11 00:25 | Mrstg



@ncarroll24 Awful. Don't feel like we have many opportunities for creative writing til after the test #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | MR_Avery



I don't make my kids use graphic organizers for every assignment, though. But some still choose to. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | becky7274



#4thchat Joanne Kaminski
@SkypeReadTutor Reading specialist who reads & motivates through reading to you... (cont)
<http://deck.ly/~ABPTi>

12-Apr-11 00:25 | janwells



@plnaugle I have not - will check it out. I used the Jack Prelutsky <http://bit.ly/dVfhAH> site. Kids so enjoyed it. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | ncarroll24



@brandonmull came to our school and got everyone excited, he has some good stuff on his website too. <http://bit.ly/dp6DIH> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:25 | downrightdave



I think blogging would be a great way to help with students writing, but in my district can only blog thru school website (cont) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:24 | deenawarwick



@lookforsun We just have one, and it can be used for all three types of writing. The kids really like it #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:24 | becky7274



Totally agree. Blogging has really helped! RT @newfirewithin: @lookforsun @jplus2 Technology truly helps in the writing arena. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:24 | powell4thgrade



@engaged Tweet out each time they blog and use #comments4ids Watch what happens. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:24 | plnaugle



RT @newfirewithin: Prompts, forced topics, & an inability to share will DESTROY any motivation for kids to write. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:24 | MrWirth323



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12-Apr-11 00:24 | newfirewithin



@becky7274 #4thchat Yes, we use a few different graphic organizers -- we use story mountain for personal narrative.

12-Apr-11 00:24 | lookforsun



I see personal narrative being tossed around: do most states/schools emphasize this to the extreme? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | MrWirth323



Sounds awesome, @plnaugle...we need #comments4kids too! Our persuasive writing blog <http://goo.gl/Y05EM> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | engaginged



@mr_avery yes it raises the stakes for them, esp if you can find collaborators for them to have a relationship with #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | 4thGrdTeach



RT @newfirewithin: Writing teachers need to give students a voice & choice. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | aliharper20



#4thchat Think too much emphasis on personal narratives due to testing - need to explore poetry, biog, hot-to... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~XJLcg>

12-Apr-11 00:23 | MaryKK



@ncarroll24 This is the one time where I feel it's helped me be a better teacher, though. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | becky7274



@MaryKK We use Kidblog and have had good luck with it. I need to build readership for my kids. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | ncarroll24



@ncarroll24 Have you used this from Scholastic <http://bit.ly/hHaNB6> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | plnaugle



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12-Apr-11 00:23 | newfirewithin



@mikemcqueen thank you for joining us and sharing. Go Nuggets! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | jmplus2



@MikeMcQueen #4thchat Thanks for your input.

12-Apr-11 00:23 | lookforsun



@ncarroll24 @george_haines I think so #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:23 | scfuhs



@becky7274 Ah, the state test word again! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | ncarroll24



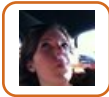
RT @lookforsun: @newfirewithin @jmplus2 #4thchat Yes, I find that using the computer really frees up those struggling writers.

12-Apr-11 00:22 | FlyontheCWall



RT @mikemcqueen: Here's my interview with Ralph Fletcher
<http://www.gettingboystoread.com/content/interview-ralph-fletcher> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | lookforsun



@George_Haines I just started with my 2nd graders! We are storyboarding now and will move to the publishing on storyjumper later. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | scfuhs



Shoot, time to go to the Nuggets game. I look forward to reading the rest of this discussion later :-) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | mikemcqueen



Even though I don't teach LArts I have all my stds (75) blogging. We have almost 2000 comments thanks to #comments4kids #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | plnaugle



@lookforsun Absolutely. Kids hat to erase. They can edit more efficiently, rearranging ideas. I get better quality and volume. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | g4husky



RT @MR_Avery: I honestly feel as though blogging has really helped students with writing. Finally gives them an authentic audience. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | ncarroll24



@newfirewithin @ncarroll24 A motivator to write and a motivator to improve so others can understand and comment back #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | becky7274



@George_Haines #4thchat I haven't tried StoryJumper, but we're starting our fiction unit today. I'll take a look - we're using Google pres

12-Apr-11 00:22 | lookforsun



@George_Haines Storyjumper looks great . Can you add your own pics or graphics? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | ncarroll24



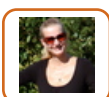
@MrWirth323 @downrightdave I agree. I love Kidblogs.org. You can set it for security. Things don't pub till I approve.. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | barbaraday



Writing teachers need to give students a voice & choice. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | newfirewithin



@plnaugle yep 6+1 here too which isn't quite enough for me I must admit #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:22 | 4thGrdTeach



#4thchat For blogging try Kidblog or Edublog

12-Apr-11 00:22 | MaryKK



We've also used wikis for posting writing. Students enjoy uploading images, creating hyperlinks, and adding fun stuff like Wordles #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:21 | engaginged



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12-Apr-11 00:21 | mikemcqueen



@powell4thgrade @newfirewithin @scfuhs #4thchat Yes, I agree - the workshop model is the way to go.

12-Apr-11 00:21 | lookforsun



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12-Apr-11 00:21 | MR_Avery



@mr_avery This is sad to hear from so many of us! #4thchat State testing

12-Apr-11 00:21 | ncarroll24



#4thchat My kids are writing storybooks with StoryJumper-- anyone else use it?

12-Apr-11 00:21 | George_Haines



Yep! > RT @looksforfun @deenawarwick #4thchat I mainly teach grammar through writing process, editing.

12-Apr-11 00:21 | MrWirth323



#4thchat using mentor texts can help as well. That's what I love about the genre studies.

12-Apr-11 00:21 | scfuhs



@g4husky #4thchat We practice keyboarding at our school starting at 3rd grade - it helps.

12-Apr-11 00:21 | lookforsun



@becky7274 so great to have you :) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | jmplus2



@janwells Who was the writer you Skyped into your classroom? Share info here if you can. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | plnaugle



My book review of Boy Writers by Ralph Fletcher - <http://www.gettingboystoread.com/content/book-review-boy-writers-ralph-fletcher> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | mikemcqueen



I've used Calkins before. Don't use a program now though. State testing forces us to mostly focus on personal narratives #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | MR_Avery



Hi friends - sorry I'm late. Big storms... will try to catch up! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | becky7274



@newfirewithin @jmplus2 #4thchat Yes, I find that using the computer really frees up those struggling writers.

12-Apr-11 00:20 | lookforsun



Keyboarding is important to me. I know I am lucky to have a 1:1 but when they can type, kids can write so much more-and WANT to! #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | g4husky



@downrightdave my class just got started blogging and we use kidblogs.org #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | jminus2



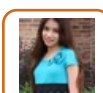
Great idea! RT @newfirewithin: @scfuhs I think that the workshop model is really the only way to do it. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:20 | powell4thgrade



@lookforsun @barbaraday what an excellent idea, I love bringing in outside people to help inspire #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | 4thGrdTeach



Having fun watching the #4thchat tweets. I think 4th grade is when I really learned to love writing.

12-Apr-11 00:19 | ReadingVacation



@ncarroll24 Are students blogging freely or are they prompted with the posts on your blog? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | lmslaluz



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12-Apr-11 00:19 | newfirewithin



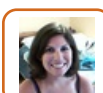
Have been having the kids write Jack Prelutsky style poetry - they love it. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | ncarroll24



@deenawarwick #4thchat I mainly teach grammar through writing process, editing.

12-Apr-11 00:19 | lookforsun



@newfirewithin I think if the writing was more meaningful, it would help. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | deenawarwick



@lookforsun @BarbaraDay Is ePals a generic term for e- pen pals or is that a program /system thingy? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | newfirewithin



In a school that wants more grammar/mechanics support for their writing workshop. Want to keep genre studies but add this. Tips? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | engaginged



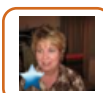
@newfirewithin I agree. Find myself teaching most of the basics as opposed to expanding on what should already be in place #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | MR_Avery



@plnaugle #4thchat great idea 'wordle'

12-Apr-11 00:19 | janwells



Which writing program does your school favor at the present - ours is +6 Traits. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:19 | plnaugle



We use Lucy Caulkins as well, just beginning that process #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:18 | MrWirth323



For truly great writing tips and ideas visit my friends @ruth_ayres and Stacey Shubitz at Two Writing Teachers <http://bit.ly/idmbmE> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:18 | g4husky



Really like the secure social network site @edmodo . Has helped increase engagement in writing #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | engaginged



Idea- have sts paste writing into Wordle to see is they overuse words. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | plnaugle



@4thGrdTeach @barbaraday #4thchat Sometimes different voices can help -- today a parent-writer gave a short lesson, inspired the children.

12-Apr-11 00:17 | lookforsun



RT @4thGrdTeach: @barbaraday excellent point, I worry too whether writing becomes a horrible chore and not a creative process #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | FlyontheCWall



@lookforsun I agree. I spend much of my year teaching grammar before I ever move into story writing. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | deenawarwick



@lookforsun I use many of those too. :) #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | newfirewithin



@BarbaraDay I don't know how students can write so much every day - I'd be exhausted #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | MaryKK



@janwells It makes a difference when kids have a purpose - a real purpose. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | ncarroll24



RT @plnaugle One of my favorite sites for writing <http://bit.ly/afSthl>. Great to use on IWBs. #4thchat [Lik... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~iz3y2>

12-Apr-11 00:17 | RonnieGonzalez



I use stuff from Empowering Writers, Lucy Calkins, Ralph Fletcher, and I LOVE Barry Lane. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | newfirewithin



@ncarroll24 same here...always be publishing. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:17 | MrWirth323



#4thchat writing scripts for podcasts focuses on audience, word choice, fluency, ideas, organization, voice (just not conventions)

12-Apr-11 00:16 | janwells



Programs we use: Being a writer #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:16 | jmpius2



@BarbaraDay my students started the year hating writing...after offering choice of topic, students write during free time, recess #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:16 | MrWirth323



I feel blogging has increased my students motivation for writing #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:16 | ncarroll24



@deenawarwick I can echo that frustration. I feel like 4th is the first grade kids are taught to write- REALLY write. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:16 | newfirewithin



@ncarroll24 I did when I taught LArts. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:16 | plnaugle



This blooger writes abt mentor books and how to use them in class <http://bit.ly/fxkdC5> #4thchat. [Like it? <http://bit.ly/fJSwZb>]

12-Apr-11 00:16 | plnaugle



@MikeMcQueen #4thchat Yes, mentor texts are so important to developing writing, and who are the best writers -- usually the avid readers.

12-Apr-11 00:15 | lookforsun



RT @FlyontheCWall: u said it! RT @newfirewithin: I think it's vital that writing teachers have a good attitude about it, and are writers themselves. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:15 | Mrstg



@plnaugle Do you have your kids use ReadWriteThink Acrostics? <http://bit.ly/apQif8> #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:15 | ncarroll24



@barbaraday No, I haven't heard of that one. We use some of Empowering Writers #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:15 | newfirewithin



@mrkempnz sure thing, I am sure I can dig one up on their blog #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:15 | 4thGrdTeach



@deenawarwick #4thchat Think of your own evolution as a writer -- it takes time, lots of time and you're never "there!"

12-Apr-11 00:15 | lookforsun



@plnaugle I have one copy - do you use it? We have gone around and around with the writing programs. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:14 | ncarroll24



RT @barbaraday: Is anyone else using Writing to Learn? We are supposed to have every student write in every subject every day. #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:14 | newfirewithin



I'm worried that kids will start to hate writing. Get to a point where I wonder how different is it than a worksheet? #4thchat

12-Apr-11 00:14 | barbaraday



love this! thanks!!!! RT @plnaugle: The Writing Process handout - <http://bit.ly/h7ecmz> #4thchat [Like it? <http://bit.ly/gWVxS5>]

12-Apr-11 00:14 | FlyontheCWall