

Genre-Specific

CUE CARDS

SNEAK PEEK

Cue Cards are a condensed version of STRIVING WRITERS Targeted Activities, instructional routines that are designed to explicitly teach each stage of the writing process. Check out some genre-specific Cue Cards below.

Informational

Focus: Identifying Informational

Teach and Model

- Tell students that good writers write about a topic. A topic is the main idea or what something is about.
- When we write, sometimes we want to teach about something. This is called informational writing.
- Model teaching the students about plants.
- Model drawing or writing some simple sentences to share information about plants.

Narrative

Focus: Identifying Narrative

Teach and Model

- Sometimes we want to tell a story in our writing. This type of writing is called a narrative.
- Share some examples of narratives that the class has heard already, or read together and talk about why they are narratives.
- Model telling a story about a shared class event.
- Model drawing or writing some simple sentences to describe the event.

Opinion

Focus: Identifying Opinion

Teach and Model

- Tell students that good writers write about a topic. A topic is the main idea or what something is about.
- Sometimes we want to tell the reader about how we feel or what we think about something. This is called opinion writing.
- Read a text, or review a text that has opinion examples, and model thinking aloud as you determine the different opinions represented in the text.
- Model giving your opinion about the weather, and give reasons.
- Model drawing or writing some simple sentences to share your opinion about the weather.