**Tips to Support Writing at Home:**

* Keep a “Homework Zone” or “Writing Zone” for regular journal writing

-free of distractions

-with necessary supplies (ie. Journal and pencils)

-with resources (ex. Dictionary, thesaurus)

-with story starters (photos/pictures are best!)

-Keep a list of “Juicy Words” that they can add to when they find juicy words in the books they read!

* Read a LOT! Good writers read a lot. They learn from authors about ideas, vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.

-Take books out of the library in a variety of styles and genres. Try poetry!

* Find ways to make writing authentic and connected to the “real world.”

-write letters to family members (and edit before sending)

-find a pen pal and write letters to them

-write the grocery list

-write out a birthday list

Big Idea: Try to avoid making writing a chore. Great writers find the joy in writing. Making it something they “have to do” will remove the joy out of writing.