

Writing Portfolio — Selecting and Reflecting on Writing Growth

Base Sheet

The child reviews all writing samples from Q3, selects their best pieces for the writing portfolio, and reflects on their growth as a writer. This develops metacognition and celebrates the progression from early writing to current abilities.

What You Need:

- All writing samples from Q3
- Writing portfolio folder
- Paper for reflection notes
- Pencil
- Cover page supplies (paper, colored pencils)

Steps:

1. Gather all writing from Q3: journal entries, stories, descriptions, sentences, lists, reading responses
2. You have been writing ALL quarter. Let us look at everything and see how you have grown!
3. Sort chronologically: earliest Q3 writing to most recent.
4. 'Look at your writing from week 19. Now look at this week. What differences do you see?'
5. Guide observations: more words, better spelling, more interesting sentences, neater handwriting, more detail.
6. Child selects 3-5 best writing pieces.
7. For each piece, child writes or dictates a reflection: 'I chose this because...'
8. and 'This shows that I learned...'
8. Create a cover page for the writing portfolio.
9. 'You ARE a writer. These are YOUR words, YOUR ideas, YOUR voice.'

Work Space:

