



Grade 1 Writing Unit 2 - Nonfiction Chapter Books

In this unit, your child will learn how to write nonfiction chapter books. He or she will be teaching about a topic using text elements learned by studying mentor nonfiction books.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Selecting a topic to teach
- Telling information across fingers to plan
- Writing a lead and ending
- Elaborating by illustrating and giving examples
- Dividing his or her nonfiction book into chapters

Questions and comments to ask your child about his or her writing:

- What topic are you teaching about in your book?
- How are you organizing your chapter book?
- How are you teaching your readers?
- What is your writing goal?

Encourage your child to talk about his or her expert topics – topics that he or she can teach to other readers. Every day routines, places, people, pets, games, etc. all make excellent teaching topics. Noticing how other writers use captions, labels and headings to organize and teach will help your child develop ideas and goals for writing his or her own informational books.