



Writing Together

Build, Share, and Sustain Student Writing in Grades 3-5

Strategies for Building and Sustaining Writing Communities

Make Writing Public – Sharing drafts, peer feedback, and teacher modeling builds authentic audiences that boost motivation and writing quality.

Protect Time for Open Writing – Dedicated time for self-directed writing builds fluency, stamina, and independence.

Encourage Collaborative Writing – Writing with others strengthens ideas, feedback, and overall thinking.

Value Playful and Non-Academic Writing – Playful writing builds fluency, voice, and ideas that support academic writing.

NoRedInk Fluency & Fun Quick Writes

Tools like NoRedInk’s high-interest **Fluency & Fun prompts** invite students into low-stakes writing that focuses on idea generation and expression. They also serve as entry points for discussion, collaboration, and community-building.

Ready to get your students writing? Assign one of the Fluency and Fun Quick Writes below to your students!

Menu Makeover

Imagine that your school wants some fresh lunch ideas. Convince the cafeteria to serve one of your favorite foods.



Time to Hit Pause

Do you agree with the idea below? Why?

Kids should only watch one hour of TV a day.



Toy Store Sleepover

Imagine you’re having a sleepover with friends at a toy store. Write a short story about your night.



Looking for more prompts? Check out NoRedInk’s full [Fluency and Fun prompt library](#).