

Family Letter

Dear Families,

This week your child is learning to recognize the question behind a writing prompt. Some prompts do not use the words "why" or "how," so students look for relational clue words. Words such as importance, significance, reasons, impact, value, and meaning point toward reason-based thinking. Words such as reveal, influence, develop, show, ways, and demonstrate point toward way/process-based thinking.

We will practice with "A Lone Star Choice" and "Making It Happen." Students will classify prompts, explain the clue that proves each choice, and write a thesis (central idea) that answers the correct kind of thinking.

Please try this at home: Give your child the prompt "Explain the significance of support in helping ideas grow in the drama." Ask which word reveals the hidden question and whether the answer should give reasons or ways.

With appreciation, Your child's teacher - The Writing Academy LLC

Carta para las Familias

Estimadas familias:

Esta semana su hijo o hija aprenderá a reconocer la pregunta escondida dentro de una consigna de escritura. Algunas consignas no usan las palabras "por qué" o "cómo," así que los estudiantes buscan palabras clave de relación. Las palabras importancia, significado, razones, impacto y valor indican un pensamiento basado en razones. Las palabras revelar, influir, desarrollar, mostrar y maneras indican un pensamiento basado en procesos o maneras.

Practicaremos con "A Lone Star Choice" y "Making It Happen." Los estudiantes clasificarán consignas, explicarán qué palabra demuestra cada elección y escribirán una tesis que responda al tipo correcto de pensamiento.

Pruebe esto en casa: Dé a su hijo o hija la consigna "Explain the significance of support in helping ideas grow in the drama." Pregunte qué palabra revela la pregunta escondida y si la respuesta debe presentar razones o maneras.

Con aprecio, El maestro o la maestra de su hijo o hija - The Writing Academy LLC