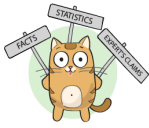


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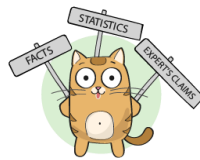
Book Recommendations



Student Spotlight



The "Lit" Bit



Opinion/Argument Writing

All our K-8 students engage in opinion or argument writing.
Please learn more [here](#).

"Life is persuasive. A lawyer persuades a jury. A job applicant pitches oneself as a potential employee. A scientist competes for a grant. A writer sells her idea in her query letter. This is the writing that unlocks a world of possibilities." [Heather Wolpert-Gawron](#) to read full article, follow this [link](#).

What do Brookline students say about opinion/argument writing?

Neron, grade 2

"Wow, I can't believe I did this! I never knew I could do opinion writing because it was very hard. I didn't give up and wrote about what interested me. Because I didn't give up I finally finished and I was very proud and very happy."

Paloma, grade 3

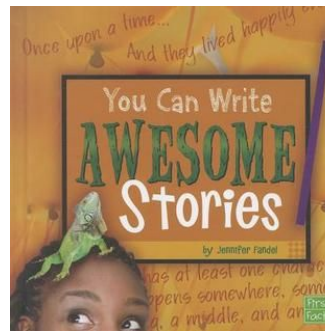
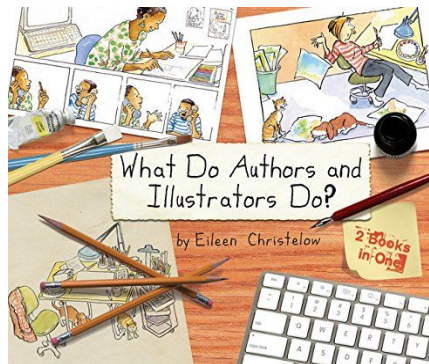
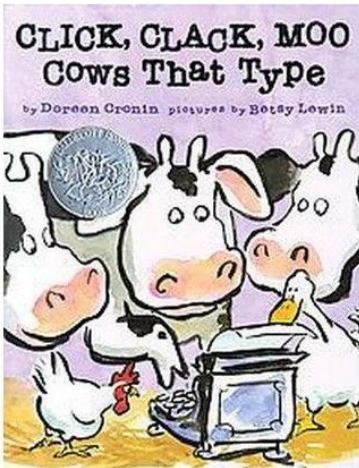
"My favorite part of the opinion unit was sharing my opinion with others and researching about the topic I cared about. I love the ocean and I love to research about it. It makes me happy."

Zara, Grade 6

"The Literary Essay Argument Unit taught me how to create a clear and strong argument."

What's **WOT!** on the Bookshelf?!

Books about Writers and Writing

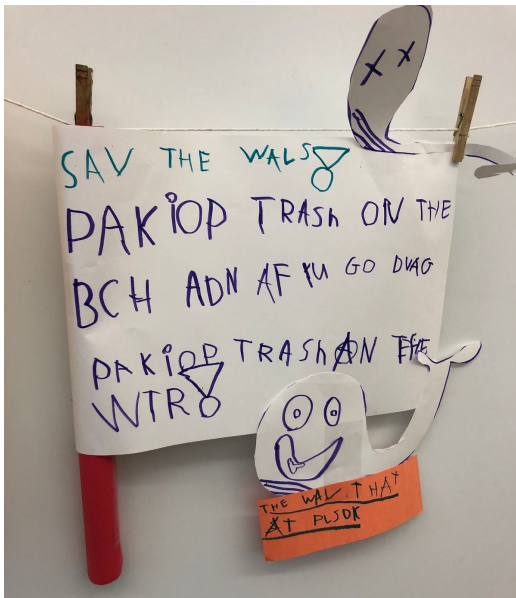


Looking to read more books about writers and writing?

Grades K-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Yours Truly, Goldilocks by Alma Flor Ada	Writing Radar By Jack Gantos	Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes
How to Get Famous in Brooklyn by Amy Hest	Spilling Ink by Ellen Potter	Fangirl: A Novel by Rainbow Rowell
Dear Juno by Soyung Pak	Guy-Write: What Every Guy Writer Needs to Know By Ralph Fletcher	Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger

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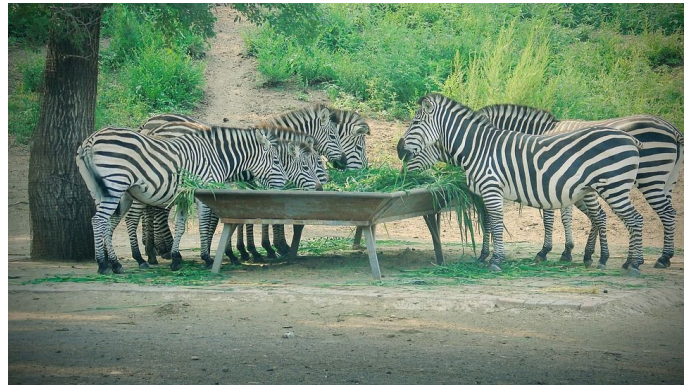
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Save the Whales

"Save the whales! Pick up trash on the beach and if you go diving pick up trash in the water."

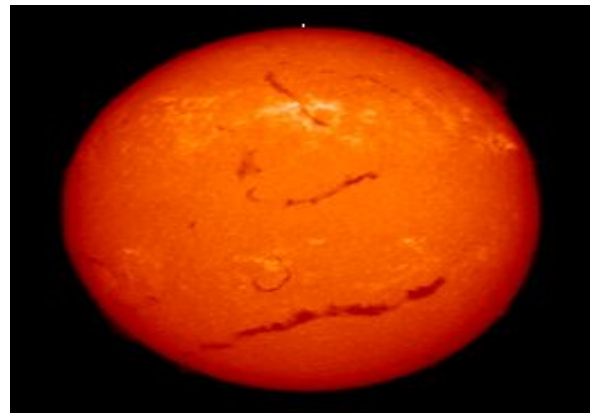
-Shane, Kindergarten



Click the title below to read

Zoos Should be Banned

-Mirabelle, Grade 5



Click the title below to read

"All Summer in a Day": The Literary Essay

-Rosa, Grade 8



The “Lit” Bit

Inspiration for your home community of readers and writers



Promoting Summer Reading and Writing

25 WAYS children of all ages can engage in reading and writing this summer with Interactive Bingo Sheets.

[Summer Reading Bingo](#)

[Summer Writing Bingo](#)



Inspiring Interviews with Real Life Writers

[Jason Reynolds](#)

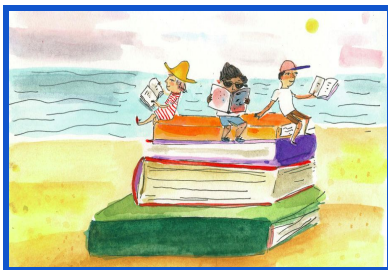
[David Shannon](#)

[Kate DiCamillo](#)

[Juana Medina](#)

[Kwame Alexander](#)

[Patricia Polacco](#)



Summer Events!

[Big Joe the Storyteller \(June 28\)](#)

[Teen Book Festival \(September\)](#)

[Summer Reading Ice Cream Party
\(August 22\)](#)

[Fresh Ink Review Writing](#)

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