

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Writing Simple Opinion Pieces

## Today's Standard

1.W.1 - Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a letter to a friend about a favorite book; Creating a poster about a favorite toy; Writing a short review of a movie or TV show; Expressing a preference for a holiday or event in a journal entry

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write opinion pieces. We practiced introducing a topic, stating our opinion, giving reasons, and wrapping it up with a conclusion.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think that opinions are the same as facts, but they are different. Another problem is that kids might not know they need to give reasons for their opinions. We can help them by practicing these skills.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an opinion?
- How do you start your writing?
- Why do you need to give reasons for your opinion?
- What is a conclusion?
- Can you tell me a fact and an opinion?

## Help Me

Writing opinion pieces helps us share what we think and why. For example, we can write about why we like a certain toy or book. This makes our writing stronger and helps others understand our thoughts.