

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Opinion Writing with Reasons**

# Today's Standard

3.W.1 - Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a book review; Composing a persuasive letter; Creating a blog post with opinions; Developing arguments for a class debate; Writing an opinion essay about a favorite hobby

### Today I Learned

Today I learned how to write an opinion piece. I need to say what I think and give reasons why I think that.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think they don't need reasons for their opinions, but they do. Others think any reason is okay, but it has to be related to their opinion.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an opinion?
- Why do you need reasons?
- Can you give me an example of an opinion?
- What makes a good reason?
- Why is it important to support your opinion?

# Help Me

Writing an opinion piece means telling what you think and why. For example, if you think pizza is the best food, you need to say why, like because it tastes good and has lots of flavors.