

Parent Guide to the

# **Organizing and Presenting Information**

## Today's Standard

6-8.WHST.2a - Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Creating a research report with headings and charts; Designing a multimedia presentation on a historical event; Writing a science lab report with tables and graphs; Developing a technical manual with clear sections and diagrams

#### Today I Learned

Today I learned how to introduce a topic clearly and organize information using headings, charts, and other tools to make it easier to understand.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think any picture or video will make their work better, but that's not always true. Others think they only need to organize information if it's really complicated, but even simple topics need to be clear.

## Quiz Me

- What does it mean to introduce a topic?
- Why is it important to organize information?
- What are some tools you can use to organize information?
- How can pictures or charts help your writing?
- Why is it important to check if pictures or videos are helpful?

## Help Me

When you write, it's important to make sure your ideas are clear and easy to follow. You can use headings, charts, and even videos to help explain your ideas. For example, if you're writing about how plants grow, you might use a chart to show the stages of growth. This makes it easier for people to understand what you're talking about.