

Parent Guide to the

# Formal Writing Style

# Today's Standard

7.W.2e - Establish and maintain a formal style.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a research paper; Composing a business letter; Drafting an essay for a scholarship application; Creating a formal email to a teacher or principal; Writing a report for a science project

### Today I Learned

Today, I learned about writing in a formal style. This means writing in a way that is clear and professional, like when you write a letter to your teacher or a report for school.

#### **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think that formal writing has to be really complicated or full of big words. That's not true! It just needs to be clear and easy to understand. Other kids think that formal writing can't show any personality, but you can still make it sound like you while being professional.

### Quiz Me

- What is formal writing?
- Why is it important to write formally?
- Can you give an example of formal writing?
- What should you avoid in formal writing?
- Can formal writing still show your personality?

#### Help Me

Formal writing is important because it helps you communicate clearly and professionally. You might use it when writing a letter to your teacher or a report for school. Remember to avoid slang and casual language, and focus on being clear and precise.