

Parent Guide to the

# **Generating Learning Topics**

# Today's Standard

K.W.9 - (Begins in grade 4)

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Creating simple stories based on pictures; Describing daily routines; Writing about a favorite book; Explaining a simple process like brushing teeth; Creating a list of items for a specific purpose (e.g., grocery list)

## Today I Learned

Today I learned how to come up with ideas for writing. This helps me write better stories and descriptions.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think their writing has to be perfect right away or that they can only write about things they know really well. But writing is about trying new ideas and fixing mistakes.

### Quiz Me

- What is a topic?
- Can you write about something new?
- What is drafting?
- Why do we brainstorm?
- What do you do after your first draft?

### Help Me

Writing can be fun and creative. You can write about anything, even things you don't know much about yet. Start with an idea, write it down, and then make it better by fixing mistakes and adding details.