

Produce Pals



Grade 3–Grade 5

Skills: Responding to a writing prompt, learning about fruits and vegetables

Grade levels: 3–5

Materials:

- copies of the writing prompts (enough for each child to have one strip), cut apart
- glue
- paper

Introducing the lesson:

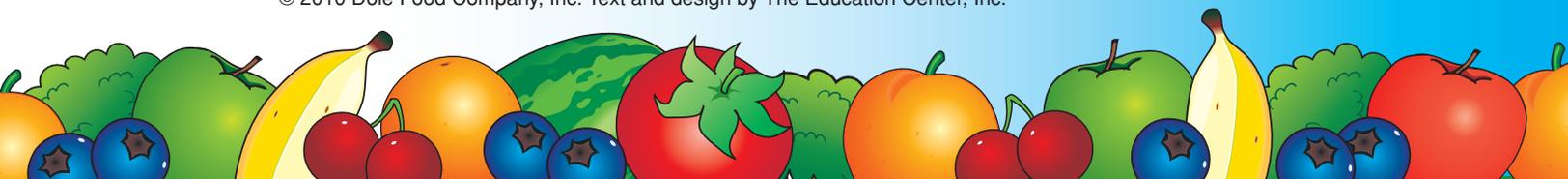
Invite a child to choose a writing prompt and read it aloud as you copy it onto the board. Lead the class in a discussion of the food and list facts about it on the board.

Steps:

1. Have each child choose a writing prompt and glue it to his paper.
2. Instruct the student to make a list of facts about the food. If needed, provide time for him to use resources to verify his facts or to add to his list.
3. Direct the child to use his facts to complete his response.

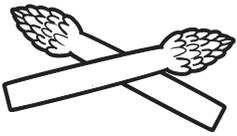
Extensions:

- After publishing his final draft, instruct each student to draw a picture of his food character. Post the stories and illustrations in the school cafeteria.
- Have students work in pairs to generate a response. Invite students in each pair to act out their writing, with one student serving as the narrator and the other acting as the food character(s).
- Give each student a blank paper strip and encourage her to write her own prompt. Remind the child to use a clever food name! Place the prompts at a writing center with glue and paper.



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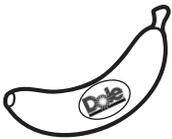
Writing Prompts



Annie and Arthur Asparagus want everyone to know that they are the stems of plants, so they decide to tell the other vegetables all about it.



Anthony Apple is pleased to be one of the most popular fruits in the United States! He has a lot to be proud of and decides to write his own story.



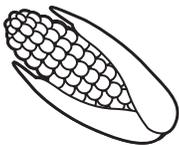
Bobby Banana is proud of the tropical paradise he once called home and is excited when he's asked to give a speech about where bananas come from.



Brooke Broccoli has a story to tell, and it is the story of why broccoli is one of the "super vegetables." Her story goes something like this.



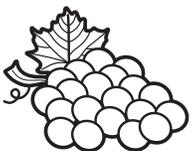
His bright orange color makes Calvin Carrot an important vegetable. He decides to share the good news about carrots.



Cornelius Corn wants the folks in town to learn some new ways to eat corn, so he decides to...



Daniella Date is also known as the "candy that grows on trees" and she couldn't be prouder! Sadly, a lot of people don't know much about dates, so she decides to fix that.



Gus Grapes knows all about how grapes are made into raisins. Here's how it works.



Kelly Kiwifruit wants more students to make kiwifruit part of their day, so she plans a speech that explains why kiwifruit is such a good choice.



Lucy Iceberg-Lettuce is happy to be such a popular vegetable, so she decides to tell students how to make great salads.