



STRAWBERRY SMASH THE MYTH



This lesson is truly for those kids whose imaginations run wild! It's a descriptive writing prompt that explains all of those strawberries that are found smashed on the ground.

NOTE: This writing prompt can address the following Common Core State Standards: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.3, W.1.3, W.2.3, W.3.3., W.3.3.C, W.3.3.D, W.4.3, W.4.3.A, W.4.3.C, W.4.3.D, W.4.3.D, W.5.3, W.5.3.A, W.5.3.C, W.5.3.D and W.5.3.E.

Now for the lesson!

1. If possible, I strongly suggest reading the book, [*Snowmen at Night*](#), by Caralyn Buehner before teaching this lesson. It's not the same season, but the story line is the same.
2. Now, tell the story line to your writers: "Today you're going to explain why there are smashed strawberries in the rows of a strawberry patch. The myth is that a strawberry patch is calm, refreshing, beautiful and yummy and that some strawberries just get stepped on. Today, you're going to write as if you're the strawberries. You're going to explain, in sequential order, what really happens in a strawberry patch when people aren't there!"
3. Brainstorm reasons and events that take place that cause the strawberries to be smashed:

-strawberry parades	-strawberry-ball over	-strawberry circus
-strawberry races	rows	-strawberry stacks
-strawberry gymnastics	-strawberry boxing	- etc.
4. Show the 5 sections on the board:
Myth/Truth
First,
Next,
Then,
Last,
5. Show the expectations:
K-1st Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section, 2nd Graders-2 sentences, 3rd Graders-3 sentences. 4th Graders-4 sentences, 5th Graders-5 sentences

Now to write: Guide the students through the following steps. They are free to use their own words. Remind them that ANYTHING can happen in their description as long as they follow the steps to keep their story organized. There is a 2nd Grade example in italics for your own guidance.

1. Write the myth and tell the truth.
You think strawberry patches are calm and quiet. Well, let me tell you what really happens when you're not there!
2. Write about the first event.
First, all the strawberries parade through the rows. They put the biggest strawberry in front and the smallest in back.
3. Write about the second event.
Next, they play strawberry stacks. The one that stands the longest wins!
4. Write about the third event.
Then, strawberries race up and down the rows. Some strawberries get in the way and SQUISH!
5. Write about the last even.
Last, a group of strawberries drone over the rows shooting out fireworks to end the night. Everyone tries to get back to their spaces without getting smashed!
6. Add an easy art accent: Students can draw and color strawberries and other details around the border of their writing. Add googly eyes or glitter glue according to the story.