



STRAWBERRY STRENGTH

Science Fiction



This is a fun lesson that incorporates Science Fiction. Anything can happen in the students' stories!

NOTE: This lesson 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.A, W.3.3.B, W.3.3.C, W.3.3.D, W.4.3, W.4.3.A, W.4.3.B, W.4.3.C, W.4.3.D, W.4.3.E, W.5.3, W.5.3.A, W.5.3.B, W.5.3.C, W.5.3.D and W.5.3.E

Now for the lesson!

1. Tell the story line to your writers: "It's a normal day. You're picking strawberries. All of a sudden, the strawberries do something shocking, surprising or silly. They have super powers and use them."
2. Brainstorm super powers the strawberries might have. Examples include:
 - gigantic size
 - seeds shoot darts/lasers
 - seeds shoot sticky juice
 - strawberries multiplying
 - strawberry sludge
 - super speed or strength
 - teleportation
 - telekinesis
 - etc.
3. Show the 5 sections on the board:
 - Setting/Characters
 - Normal Activity
 - All of a sudden,
 - Reactions/Actions
 - Solution/Conclusion
4. 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 story 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. Introduce the characters and setting.
Jane and her mom went to the strawberry patch. It was a nice day.
2. Write about their normal day.
Jane's mom got the baskets. Then, they walked into a row and started filling them up with strawberries.
3. Write about the shocking, surprising or silly moment.
All of a sudden, the strawberries started shaking. Tiny darts started flying from them.
4. Write about the reactions and actions of the animals.
"Ouch!" Jane squeaked. "What was that?" Jane's mom turned around. Tiny, sharp darts were coming from every strawberry.
5. Write about the solution to the problem or ending to the event.
Every person dropped their baskets and ran. As soon as they left the patch, the darts stopped. "Don't come back!" all the strawberries sang.
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.