CUSD 304 ELEMENTARY WRITING

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Beliefs-

- Writing is a way of communicating
- Writing has different purposes and audiences
- The act of writing generates ideas and thinking
- Writing occurs in different modalities and technologies
- Writing is a process
- An environment that supports writing should be established
- Not every piece of writing needs to be published
- Conventions of finished and edited texts are important to readers and writers
- It is important for students to write everyday

- Choice is important for students to invest in their writing
- Reading writing are related
- Students need writing models
- Teachers do not need to read everything that students write
- Developmentally appropriate assessment is necessary
- Students need to talk about what they are going to write about
- Students need instruction in writing
- Students need to see their teachers as writers

Curriculum-

- Lucy Calkins Units of Study
 - Three Units Per Year*
 - Narrative
 - Information
 - Opinion/Argument
- Columbia University-Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project(TCRWP)
- CCSS
 - Write an opinion piece...
 - Write an informative piece...
 - Write a real or imagined narrative piece...

Pedagogy-

- Writing Process
 - Steps
 - Pre-Writing Drafting Revising Editing Publishing
- Writer's Workshop
 - Structure
 - Mini-Lesson Independent Work Time Conferring Sharing
- Units of Study
 - Structure
 - On-Demand Lessons Published Works On-Demand