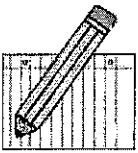


The following are samples of what your students should be doing for each day of the week. You can see that they will not use every brainstorm idea in the final paragraph. However, encourage your students to spend a lot of time on the pre-write, as the more ideas they have, the easier the final writing will be for them.

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## Paragraph of the Week

Over the course of this week you will be writing a paragraph. You will choose a topic (within the given parameters) and will brainstorm, draft, and write a complete paragraph. Be sure to use all that we have learned in class when writing this paragraph. So let's get started!

**Monday**

Brainstorm all that you know about your favorite subject in school. This can be one specific idea, such as Native Americans, or more general, like math. Be sure to include every detail you can think of about that subject.

My favorite subject...

Math

I excel at it  
I am able to teach others

Use in every day life

I like to make numbers match up and manipulate them

I can crunch numbers

It comes easily to me  
It just seems to make sense

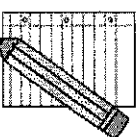
Numbers seem to just naturally go together

I think linearly and math is "in order"

Follows specific patterns  
Has a specific sequence

Use in the future/important

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## Paragraph of the Week

Now that you have the topic of your paragraph, you will write the main body sentences. Be sure that they are all on topic, as this is the "meat and potatoes" of your thoughts.

**Wednesday**

Using the brainstorm you created yesterday, choose 3 of the most important things you like about your favorite subject. They will become the three details about your favorite subject. Write a sentence for each. Then, write an explanation sentence for each.

Detail One : Math follows specific patterns and sequences.

Explanation : This sequence is usually very linear, which makes my brain happy and content.

Detail Two : I also enjoy math because adding and subtracting brings me joy.

Explanation : The order of it all is comforting and easy for my brain.

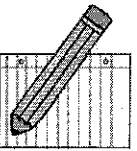
Detail Three : Math is important to my every day life.

Explanation : I know that if I can master the concepts now, in school, I will have a much easier future.

In the later part of the week, the students will be using their brainstorm page still to construct their paragraphs. They should have access to it all week. You can also see that the final paragraph is made up of all the sentences they wrote up until this point.

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## Paragraph of the Week

Topic Sentences tell the reader exactly what you will discuss in your paragraph without giving away any of the details. Closing Sentences sum up what you have already written. They are the "frame" for your paragraph.

Wednesday

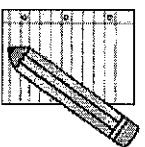
Now that you have your details and explanations written, you must write a topic sentence and closing sentence. Remember, your topic sentence must let the reader know what you are going to talk about in your paragraph, without discussing any of the details. Your closing sentence must restate your topic sentence, using synonyms and different words.

Topic Sentence : There are many things I like about school, but the one subject I always enjoy learning about is Math.

Closing Sentence : And it is because of all of this, that my most favorite subject to learn about is math.

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## Paragraph of the Week

A paragraph talks about one topic, with many sentences all supporting that topic. This is the when you will construct that paragraph.

Thursday

It is time to put all of your work together in the form of a paragraph. The topic sentence goes first, followed by the detail/explanation combo sentences. The last sentence is your closing sentence.

Reread it all and make sure it makes sense. It should all be about the same topic, give lots of information, and be written in complete sentences.

There are many things I like about school, but the one subject I always enjoy learning about is math. Math follows a very specific pattern and sequence. This sequence is usually very linear, which makes my brain happy and content. I also find that I enjoy math because adding and subtracting tends to bring me joy. Again, the order to it all is comforting and easy for me. Math also is so important to my every day life that I enjoy learning about it. I know that if I can master the concepts now, in school, my life will be much easier in the future. And it is because of all of this, that my most favorite subject to learn about is math.