

# Nine Notes About Writing

Writing is a core skill for living, not just for school. Writing sharpens our vision, tunes us to what matters, and helps us think through what we must live through.

—Penny Kittle, p. 34

It's important for students to see that writing requires trial and error, tenacity, and hard work. It's not about following a formula; it's about thinking, evidence, and audience.

—Kimberly Hill Campbell, p. 60

Parents, like kids, shouldn't have to intuit what makes for strong writing. They need tools that help them work hand in hand with teachers.

—Mary Ehrenworth, p. 22

Praise from peer readers boosts a student writer's confidence far faster than does praise from a teacher.

—Steve Gardiner, p. 67

Students blossom when they write for an audience.

—Julie D. Ramsay, p. 54

Most students do not write enough to learn to write well.

—Carol Jago, p. 16

Writing involves taking risks, which means making mistakes. And mistakes are necessary for growth.

—Jeff Anderson, p. 10

The basis of much writing—in college, in life, for the Common Core standards—is that after we read and listen to others' claims and proposals, we respond and join the conversation.

—Larry Ferlazzo and Katie Hull-Sypniewski, p. 46

Just think how far it would go in the way of empathy if people understood how to develop a respectful counterargument.

—Heather Wolpert-Gawron, online

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