

## VOICE:

- Share lots of examples of voice in rich text.
- Tell me the story (if they are having a problem writing it) like we're having a normal conversation.
- Give them a picture and with a group, write a story about it.
- Write a story containing conversation between you and a sibling/cousin/friend when you disagreed with them.
- Write a letter to a pet, a person, or a situation explaining how you felt about it.
- Read Brave Irene to the class.
- I had students write directions from our classroom to another place in the school or playground, using direction words and prepositions.
- Point of view activities.
- Reading team/pairs. Inflections.
- Watch a movie clip of an emotion (fear, joy) and brainstorm how it was expressed.
- Write about the worst thing you've ever experienced.
- Rewrite the story of Cinderella as the nasty step-sister.
- They draw an object from a hat - then they have to write from that object's point of view without telling what the object is. (Example: toothpaste - how you feel, what you see, hear) etc.
- Write a letter in the voice of a character that was just read about.
- Have several students read the same passage showing emotion.
- Share short writing piece and see if can guess who wrote it.
- Add dialogue to the writing. See if you are able to read it with expression.
- Write a conversation/dialogue between you and a good friend about winning a football game.
- Tell a story. Point out the "voice" in the telling. Write that part.
- Bring in examples and discuss if it has good/bad voice, and what makes it good/bad.
- Write chili contest judges' comments - each judge has a different personality.
- Scrooge in the Christmas Carol is a real good play to use the voice concept.
- Read various examples of writing; allow students to write on a topic that means a lot to them.
- Model during oral reading.
- Picture books.
- Because of Winn Dixie book and Love, Ruby Lavender.
- Write a story about a picture.