Dear Families: 

Here is some information you might find helpful in regards to our first unit of study in writing that we have been working on.

**Unit of Study:** Unit 1 Lessons from the Masters Improving Narrative Writing

This unit is divided up into three sections:

* **Studying the Masters for Inspiration and Ideas**
* Students are learning to use writing from master authors to help them to write meaningful stories.
* Students are learning to capture everyday moments and stretching them out to create a small moment that magnifies the moment with details so that the reader can picture the story with all their senses.
* Students are learning to create strong leads and endings to make their writing more interesting.
* **Noticing Author’s Craft: Studying Imagery, Tension, and Literary Language in Owl Moon.**
* Students are learning to write in powerful ways by trying out craft moves learned from mentor texts.
* Students are learning to edit and revise their writing using checklists to make sure their writing is ready for an audience.
* Students are creating goals while reflecting on their writing, using checklists.
* **Study Your Own Authors**
* Students are learning to work with partners to revise their own writing.
* Students are editing and preparing their writing for publication. They

Are checking for spelling, punctuation, and word choice.

* Students are publishing their pieces, sharing their writing with an

audience.