Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Personal Narratives. A personal narrative is a story about an actual incident in the writer’s life told in the first-person point of view. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published personal narratives, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own personal narrative.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to explore their own past and learn how writers draw on their own rich experiences. You may wish to spend some time looking at old photographs and childhood objects to help your child remember events he or she could write about.

You can also ask your child questions at home to stay in touch with his or her progress. For example:

• Have you brainstormed ideas yet? Would you like to share your ideas with me?
• How is your personal narrative coming along? What have you written so far?
• What part of writing do you enjoy most?
• What part of writing is hardest for you?
• Are there any other childhood stories you would like to write about?

Thanks in advance for supporting your child’s writing experiences. I look forward to sharing your child’s work with you!

Sincerely,