Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Persuasive Book Reviews. Book reviews evaluate published books. They feature descriptions of the plot or content and opinions about why the book is worth reading or not. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published book reviews, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own book review.

This is always an exciting unit in which children will consider their favorite books and evaluate which would be the best to review. You may wish to spend some time talking with your child about favorite books he or she has read over the years. Ask what he or she likes about these books.

You can also ask your child questions to learn about his or her progress. For example:

• *Have you brainstormed ideas yet? Would you like to share your ideas with me?*
• *What have you written so far?*
• *What part of writing do you enjoy most?*
• *What part of writing is difficult for you?*
• *Are there other books that you’d like to write a review about?*

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

Sincerely,