Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Historical Fiction. Historical fiction stories take place in an authentically historical time period. They may include real and/or fictional characters and events. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published historical fiction stories, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own historical fiction story.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to explore what they know about the past in order to come up with ideas for historical fiction stories. They will also learn how writers research periods in history to make their stories believable. You may wish to spend some time talking with your child about people and events from your family history.

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 historical fiction stories you would like to tell?*

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

Sincerely,