Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Biography. A biography is a factual retelling of another person’s life. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published biographies, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own biography.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to think about people they find interesting and learn how writers research biography subjects. You may wish to spend some time talking with your child about people he or she finds interesting and why.

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 people you would like to learn more about and write about?

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

Sincerely,