Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Memoirs. In a memoir, the writer focuses on a short period of time in his or her life. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published memoirs, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own memoir.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to explore their memories and learn how writers draw on their own rich experiences. You may wish to spend some time looking at photographs and talking about important events from your child’s past to refresh your child’s memory and help him or her think of what to write about.

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 experiences from your past that you would like to write about?*

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

Sincerely,