

Homework Tip

When we ask your child to write a story as part of their homework assignment, we are requiring that your child write as he/she would in class. When adults hear the term "write" we think about the way we communicate, however kindergarteners write by drawing or illustrating their story. At this point, most kids in our class are ready to label their picture with the initial sound of the object they have drawn. So if your child draws a sun with trees and a few children, he/she can label the sun with an s, the tree with a t and the children by the names of those who are in their story.

As I mentioned, some children are ready for this, whereas others are ready to label with more than one sound, i.e. some can spell/read mom so you can encourage your child to label their picture of mom with the three sounds he/she hears in the word. Students should use "Turtle Talk" to stretch each word, listening to all of the sounds. They are currently working on spelling phonetically. This means that your child should write the sounds that they hear in the word. WORDS DO NOT NEED TO BE SPELLED CORRECTLY as long as the sounds are correct.

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