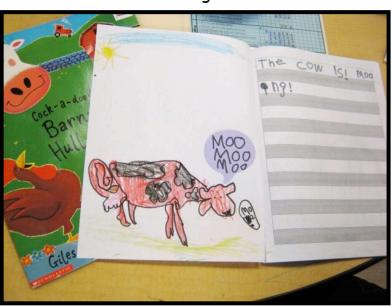
A Variation in the Kid Writing Workshop Model: Children Write Themed Books Using Speech Bubbles

Julie Lay's kindergartners are making short books during kid writing workshop. These are six- to eight-page stapled books printed on 24# white paper with a cover page. Julie works with a different heterogeneous group of 5 to 6 students each day for 20-30 minutes. Children are working on creating book titles that best describe the writing piece. The quality of their illustrations reflects a focus on illustration study with mentor texts and introducing new art techniques as a part of writing workshop. Children delight in using speech bubbles, especially after a lesson on onomatopoeia. Notice children are first outlining their drawing in black and then coloring it in.





The cow is mooing!





The horse is saying, "Nei..."

The sheep is saying, "Maa, Maa!"

