

CHEAT SHEET



Graphic Organizers

Problem: Kids get down when they have to use a graphic organizer or they just want to write.

Solution: Let them write freely and then use the graphic organizer later as a checklist or guide.



Editing

Problem: Kids get discouraged, frustrated and eventually stop liking writing when their papers are all marked up.

Solution: 1. Don't correct every paper.
2. Focus on 1 issue at a time, like capitalization.
3. Peer edit or have them look at it themselves.



Hand Hurts

Problem: Complains of hand hurting/cramping.

Solution: 1. Let them know their hand is NOT supposed to hurt.
2. Recorrect their grasp or use a pencil gripper.

Simply Not Ready

Problem: It's too much processing. They're overwhelmed with the mechanics of writing.

Solution: 1. Give them more time 2. Let them dictate into a computer or to you. 3. Look further into a possible disorder.