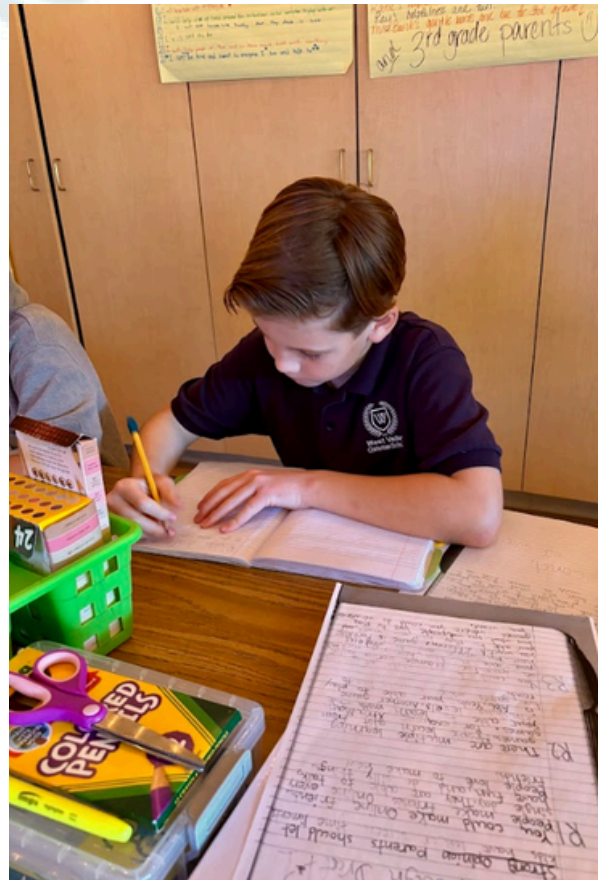


# CELEBRATING PERSONAL NARRATIVES IN **in 3rd Grade**

At our school, we believe every child has a story to tell, and our third graders have been hard at work learning how to share theirs through personal narrative writing. This engaging unit has given students the opportunity to reflect on their unique experiences and express themselves in creative and meaningful ways.

Students learned that personal narratives are stories about moments in their own lives, filled with vivid details, dialogue, and emotions. They practiced brainstorming ideas, narrowing down their topics, and organizing their thoughts into a clear beginning, middle, and end.

One of the most special parts of this process has been the reminder that each child's story is unique and valuable. As we worked through this unit, we reflected on Psalm 139:14, which says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that fully well." This verse served as an encouragement to students, reminding them that their experiences and perspectives reflect God's wonderful design.



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After drafting their narratives, students collaborated with their peers in small groups to review and refine their work. This peer-editing process was a time of growth and connection, as students shared their stories, offered constructive feedback, and learned from one another. It was heartwarming to see them build each other up and celebrate the individuality of their classmates' writing.

As the final drafts came together, the students' pride in their work was unmistakable. These narratives capture everything from joyful family moments to small acts of bravery and perseverance, showcasing the wide array of experiences that make each child's life so unique.

We are incredibly proud of our third graders and the effort they have put into crafting these personal narratives. Not only have they developed important writing skills, but they have also discovered more about themselves and each other along the way. We look forward to watching these budding authors continue to grow and shine!