**Kindergarten Grade – Unit 4**

**Opinion Writing Task**

***Favorite Animal Story***

**TEACHER INFORMATION:**

**Ideas to Share with Students:**

In our *Journey’s* book we have been reading many informational texts about animals. For example, we read ***What Do You Do with a Tail like This****,* ***A Zebra’s World, Home for a Tiger-Home for a Bear****,* and***Where Animals Live.*** We also have many books in our classroom and in our library about animals that are both fiction and nonfiction. What is your favorite animal story? Why?

**Overview of the Writing Task:**

Today we will make a list of the animal stories that we have read in our class (or make all the books available for viewing in the classroom). Next you will have a chance to write about your favorite animal story and tell why. This means you will be sharing your opinion with readers about only one animal story that is your favorite.

Remember when you write an opinion piece:

* Name the story you are writing about.
* Write a sentence that tells your opinion about your favorite animal story.
* Tell *why* this is your favorite animal story using the word, *because.*
* Draw a picture about your favorite animal story.

**Student Writing Paper:**

Teachers may select writing paper formatted to encourage students to name the story they are writing about, to write a sentence about their opinion of their favorite story, and provides space for drawing a picture. Sample writing paper has been provided in Rubicon.

**Graphic Organizers:**

Teachers and/or students may select the graphic organizer of their choice for planning this task. Several examples of graphic organizer planners for opinion, informative/explanatory, and narrative story writing have been uploaded into Rubicon.