**Kindergarten Grade – Unit 6**

**Opinion Writing Task**

***Stories About Friends***

**TEACHER INFORMATION:**

**Ideas to Share with Students:**

In our *Journey’s* book we read two stories about friends and then discussed the questions: ***Why it is important to help your friends?*** and ***What can you do to be a*** ***good friend?*** We have also read many stories about friends in our classroom and in our library, e.g., ***Owen & Mzee*** by Isabella Hatkoff, ***Frog & Toad Together*** by Arnold Lobel, ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee*** by Philip C. Stead, and ***George & Martha*** by James Marshall. What is your favorite story about friends? Why?

**Note:** Teachers may substitute titles that are familiar to their students on the topic of friends. See attached lists in Rubicon for suggestions.

**Overview of the Writing Task:**

Today we will make a list of the stories that we have read in our class about friends (or make all the books available for viewing in the classroom). Next you will have a chance to write about your favorite friends’ story. This means you will be sharing your opinion with readers about only one friends’ 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 friend story.
* Tell *why* this is your favorite story using the word, *because.*
* Draw a picture about your favorite friend 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.

**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.