

## Whole-Group Sharing in Denise's Class

Denise, Second Grade

### **Teacher speaking to whole class:**

"Writers, something amazing happened and I have to share. I was working with Anthony. Anthony did the coolest thing as a writer today. He started out his story - I was being his editor- so he started out his story that he's working on. And at first it said, 'My stomach my growling. I said to my mom, can I eat an apple? Ok, my mom said. So I went back to my room and ate.' That was how it started. As Anthony and I were working together, we decided another good way to start that out would be 'Grrrr, Grrrr, my stomach growled.' So think about that. Everybody close your eyes. Let's see what image you can come up with. You ready? 'Grrrr, Grrrr, my stomach growled.' I noticed Tobias got an image because Tobias started rubbing his stomach like his stomach was growling. So, he saw just from using those words 'Grrrr, Grrrr', Tobias got to thinking that his stomach was probably going to growl, too. So writers, you remember we talked about leads in our stories. How our stories can start with action, our stories can start with dialogue, or our stories can start with the setting. I really want you to think about your starting point of your story. Think about what - how you want the reader to feel when they read your story. Do you want that reader to get that 'Oh, my stomach is starting to growl' feeling? Do you want your reader to have those kinds of feelings? So think about your story and how it starts out and when we come back to writing tomorrow, I want you really to look at the beginning, the lead of your story, and see if we can change that and make it one of those story leads where you're thinking, 'Hm, I can see it, I can hear it, I can feel it.' Thumbs up if you're ready for that kind of work tomorrow."