

When the Teacher is Unavailable

Lesson Series 4

Help Strips

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HELP!
I have a
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but I can
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**I have a question,
but I can keep
writing.**

1. Quietly ask another student for help.
2. Skip a couple lines and keep writing.
3. Reread what you've written so far and make some changes.
 - Add 3 more details.
 - Circle 4 "dinky" words and replace them with "WOW" words.
 - Check the first 2 words of every sentence. Any repeats?
4. Look around and see what other writers are doing.
5. Edit what you've written.
6. Work on a previous writing.
7. Write something else while you wait.
Start a new piece.

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1. Ask another kid
2. Skip some lines + keep going
3. Add 3 more details
4. Circle 4 teeny words + replace
5. Check sentence beginnings, repeats?
6. Check out what others are doing
7. Edit my stuff
8. Go back to a previous writing.
9. Start something new.

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What to do when the teacher is unavailable...

Lay a "Help Strip" on your desk.

Then, select one or more of the following activities:

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3. Add 3 more details.
4. Circle 4 "dinky words," and make them "wow" words.
5. Look around to see what other kids are doing.
6. Edit.
7. Work on old writing.
8. ~~Start~~ Start a new one.

1. Quietly ask another student for help.
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WRITING STRATEGIES:

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MATH STRATEGIES:

1. Make a math vocabulary book.
2. Use the deck of cards to practice math facts.
3. Practice math facts with dice.
4. Build numbers on a place value chart.
5. Solve the problem of the day.
6. Utilize the Estimation Center.
7. Draw lines of symmetry for capital alphabet letters.
8. Draw a money card, and go shopping with the Sunday newspaper ads.
9. Write Roman Numerals 1-100.
10. Complete the Logic Puzzle.

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