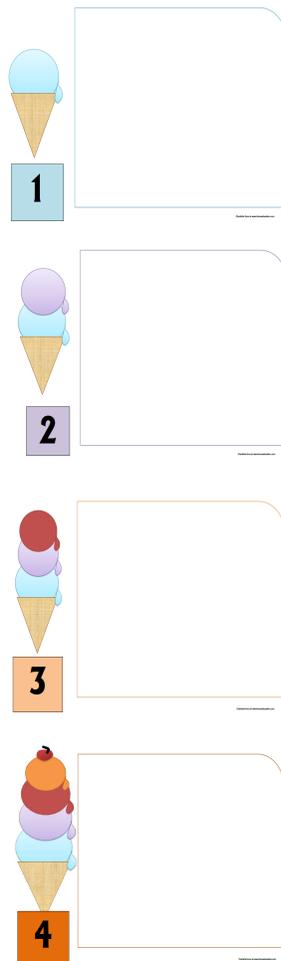


Writing Anchor Papers with the Children

Once students are beginning to feel like writers, you can use the ice cream cone templates to write anchor papers in front of the students so that they have a model for how their writing will develop over the course of a year. When I do this, I always start by writing the level 2 anchor paper in front of the students.

Make it a piece of writing that is just below where you would expect them to be. Next ask them what they think of the writing and what it needs to make it better. Take their suggestions and write the level 3 piece. Then tell them you will write the level 4 piece in front of them and they will see what can make it really great. Add more detail, sentence variety, or even a little dialogue. Finally, let the student take the level 2 piece and decide how to make it worse, they have fun mixing up the spelling and shortening the piece.



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