



Yes, They're Ready

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What Resonates With You?



- ▶ Directions:
 - ▶ Read the four quotes around the room or on your next four slides
 - ▶ Determine: Which one resonates with you?
 - ▶ Stop and Jot: on a sticky note- jot the heart statement that caused you to gravitate to one of the quotes
- ▶ Share with others your heart statement.

Quotes: Which one Resonates With You?

“Writers do not write with words and convention alone; writers write above all with meaning. Children will invest themselves more in their writing if they are allowed - indeed, if they are taught - to select their own topics and to write about subjects that are important to them.”

-Lucy Caulkins [A Guide to the Writing Workshop](#)

Quotes: Which one Resonates With You?

- ▶ “Children’s book-making is fueled by the same energy they bring to any activity where they are making things... And in truth, it is no more surprising that a young writers would think of himself as a writer and illustrator than it is that he would think of himself as a fireman or an astronaut.”

- Katie Wood Ray

Quotes: Which one Resonates With You?

- ▶ It is critical that adults value children's images of themselves as writers since it is essential to setting composition development in motion. If children don't see themselves as capable of making picture books on their own, they won't engage in writing. Lack of experience, after all, is what sets them apart from other writers.

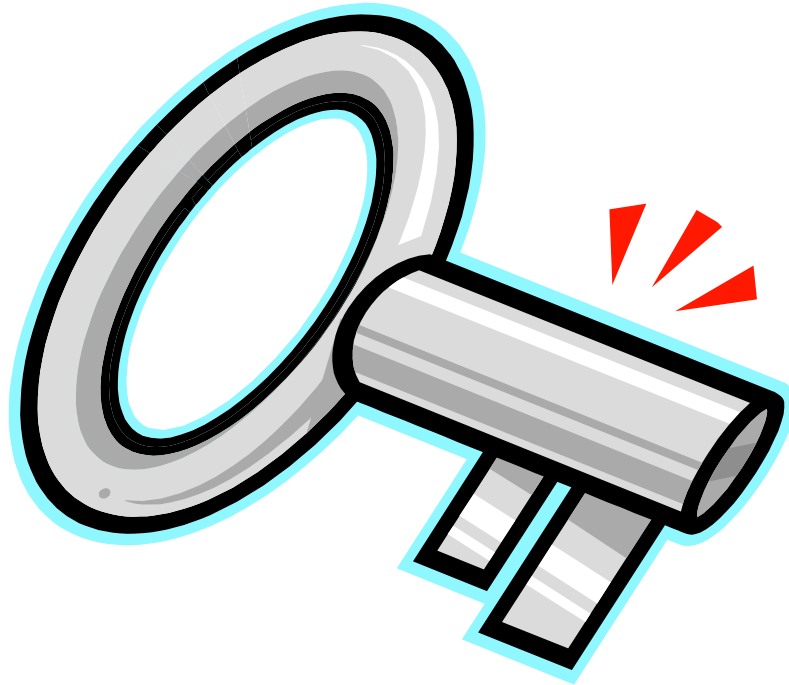
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Quotes: Which one Resonates With You?

- ▶ *Children must see themselves as authors, as people who make books. Adults and children must honor and feel comfortable with these approximations. As adults, we have to be willing to take a child's piece of writing and see all that the child can do.*

- Matt Glover

**Expectations in teacher language
and actions =**



Five Big Ideas for Young Writers...

- ▶ 5. ***Nudging***
rather than
Pushing



CONFERENCES: HEART OF INSTRUCTION



***Conferring is
teaching-
Not
troubleshooting***

Keys to Conferences...

- ▶ Let the WRITER keep hold of the pencil.
- ▶ *Respond to content first*
- ▶ Try to let the WRITER do more of the talking.
- ▶ *Resist the STRONG urge to “fix” things.*



“ Topic choice is perhaps the most important sources of energy for writing.”

Price of a pen... \$1.00

Price of a pad of paper... \$2.00

The “power of choice” to write what one wants...

Priceless

"Our task regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible. No one can do more." – Loris Malaguzzi

