

Personal Narrative

Mentor Text #1: *Yard Sale* written by Eve Bunting and illustrated by Lauren Castillo

Before using *Yard Sale* as a mentor text for writing, it will have been shared as a read-aloud earlier in the year.

As a class, brainstorm personal stories in which feelings about the situations experienced change.

For example,

- Moving to a new school--maybe you were scared, but then learned it was a great place to be
- Getting a new sibling
- Becoming the goalie for your soccer team
- Spending the night at a friend's house
- Getting braces
- Having a friend move away

Following the class brainstorm session, students will create their own lists in their writing notebooks.

Students will select one of the ideas on their lists to use with the *Yard Sale* mini-write lessons.

Other mentor texts and memories/events will be used in additional writing lessons. At the conclusion of the unit, students will write personal narratives utilizing skills developed through these mentor texts and mini-lessons.