

Megan Sloan - TARA 2011 Sessions

Session One:

Awakening the Writer through Writing Workshop

How do we get students excited about writing? What do I do the first six weeks in my writing instruction? How do I teach with a writing workshop approach? This hour will focus on these questions and more. Ideas for setting a positive environment for student writers, as well as helping students discover topics, begin to write about what is most important to them, and use strategies good writers use, will be presented. Mentor texts for teaching writing will be shared.

Session Two:

Inspired to Write: Helping Students Find Purpose, Elaborate on Ideas, and Use Interesting Language in Their Writing

This hour will focus on helping students *become* writers. Ideas and lessons for helping student writers find their voices, write with a sense of purpose and audience, elaborate on ideas, and use interesting language in their writing will be shared. Modeled and Shared Writing lessons will be presented. The use of mentor texts to teach about writing will also be shared.