



CANDY CANE CRAFT WRITING INSTRUCTIONS



Kids like this lesson because they get to make an ornament for their Christmas tree.

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core State Standards: CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.W.K.2, W.1.2, W.2.2, W.3.2, W.3.2.A, W.3.2.C, W.3.2.D, W.4.2, W.4.2.D, W.4.2.E, W.5.2, W.5.2.D and W.5.2.E.

This craft was found on www.fountainavenuekitchen.com. It's simple and motivating to writers because it's something that they can take home.

Making the Ornament:

Materials:

a pipe cleaner, red and white beads.

Steps:

1. Ball one end of the pipe cleaner.
2. Fill the pipe cleaner with a pattern of red and white beads.
3. Ball the other end of the pipe cleaner.
4. Gently, bend the top to form the candy cane.

The Writing Lesson:

1. Tell the Story Line. You just finished making your own candy cane ornament. Now, you're going to write out the instructions so someone else can make it.
2. Brainstorm. Give the students time to recall the materials they used and the steps they took. Have them speak these items out loud. Write them on the board.
3. Show the 5 Sections.

Introduction (Engage the reader.)

Materials

Steps 1 and 2

Steps 3 and 4



Conclusion (Encourage the reader.)

Now to Write!

Guide the students through the following steps.

1. Write a title on the first line in the center.
2. Engage the reader by asking a question about Christmas crafts or ornaments for the tree.
3. Write the word MATERIALS on the next line, left side.
4. Skip a line.
5. On the next line, left side, write INSTRUCTIONS or STEPS
6. Encourage young writers to write 4 steps. Have them use the words, First, Next, Then and Last.

For example:

First, get a pipe cleaner.
Next, ball the end.
Then, put on the beads.
Last, ball the end.

7. Encourage older writers to elaborate their instructions with details. They can also use the words, First, Next, Then, Last.

Here's a detailed example:

First, take a red, green or white pipe cleaner. Tightly bend one end several times to form a ball.
Next, put a pattern of red and white beads on the pipe cleaner. The pattern can be red, white, red, white or three reds, three whites. Any pattern works! Leave an inch of pipe cleaner empty at the end.
Then, bend the inch of pipe cleaner to form a ball.
Last, shape the beaded pipe cleaner to look like a candy cane.

8. Write a conclusion that encourages the reader to make the candy cane craft.