

Monday, February 8, 2010

Notice that this letter has a date at the top.

Dear Mr. C.,

The title of the book is underlined.

Nikki mentions why she likes this book. She states her OPINION.

This is one of the "elements of story" that we learned earlier this year. By mentioning this idea and relating it to her reading Nikki is sharing her understanding of this important concept.

Today I read the book The Wide Window by Lemony Snicket. I liked this book because the main characters, Sunny, Klaus, and Violet Baudelaire are so clever. In this book, the antagonist, Count Olaf is after the Baudelaire fortune! Throughout the story, the Baudelaire's moved to Paltryville to live with a family member. First, Sunny kept on looking at the mold on the floor. When they arrived at Paltryville's mill, they noticed all the workers there were frowning (That's all I read because I just started this book).

Good transition phrase

Nikki is pointing out a specific example from the text.

Nikki is mentioning the specific steps she took to use this strategy and help her understand more.

Nikki communicates the meaning of the word she is using in her example.

Nikki tells me how this strategy is helping her become a better reader.

While reading this book, I used the strategy "Tune into Interesting Words". This strategy helped me collect interesting words. For example, when I was reading on one of the pages, I read across the word "mold". However, after I used "Tune into Interesting Words," I put the word "mold" on a page, and next to it, the definition. The definition for "mold" is: "a hollow container used to give shape to molten or hot liquid material (such as wax or metal) when it cools and hardens." This strategy made me a better reader because interesting words, I just want to write them down.

Nikki shares what her goal last week was. She also shares a specific example of how she accomplished this goal.

My reading goal last week was to read more slower, and I reached my goal! I met my goal because when we were reading yesterday, I was reading with a partner and read slow. So my steps this week are the same as last time.

Sincerely,
Nikki