

## MIDLANDS WRITING PROJECT SUMMER 06: CLASS LOG

We Are Readers, Writers, Listeners, Speakers & Thinkers!!



“I am a writer” said the student. “I believe you” said the teacher :)

- Janie wrote each of us a lovely letter - the creative class log. Getting quality mail is a wonderful thing
- .workshops workshops workshops - Jennifer J. helped us understand the many purposes and audiences of letters.
- Dee wanted us to know how important it is for us to “honor the voices of high school students”. Her literary magazine is a testimony to the power of high school writers.
- Shayla had a book party and Ed wore his party hat the longest—he is the party hat wearer winner!!
- Sandy P had us conferencing with students and getting to know them first as people then as writers.
- So then Janie and Vic did the dog and pony show called “Tiny Bubbles of Wisdom” - does Vic really have a Ph.D—she can’t even spell. Oh, but Cambourne would encourage us to value her approximations. That must have something to do with “invented spelling”.
- Janie—this woman is crazy—ideas, ideas, ideas about how to structure predictable structures and routines. Binders, binders, binders filled with all of the crazy woman’s stuff. But she helped us see the workshop at work in the middle school classroom
- Vic’s turn—workshop works for high school kids too! Did she really say she scheduled Fridays for reading for enjoyment.? Hmmm.... wonder how that would go at my school? And that IQ thing—I need to get me a bell!!
- Our writing prompt got smelly—and our noses moved our words on the page. What happened in the Mediterranean?
- Jennifer C has so many voices—I hear Siamese cats have 17 voices—Sahara Special has a crazy teacher in the story. I wonder if Janie and Vic know this woman. Maybe it’s a club for old lady teachers?
- Work, work, work,- write, write, write. If this day were a dance it would be the cha, cha, cha—no waltzing today!
- And tomorrow is our Author’s Chair—get ready to hear the symphony of writers’ voices. We sound so oleaginous!
- Oh and did you notice the colon in the title? Pretty impressive...