Grade 4 English Language Arts Week of November 16 – November 20

Lesson 5: Important vs. Interesting

Interesting Facts

When writing a summary, you will have to decide what is interesting and what is important.

The difference between the two may seem small but when writing a summary, we need to decide what is important and what is interesting to make sure we keep it short and accurate!

The Difference

Important vs. Interesting

- o Story elements character, setting, plot, problem, solution
- o Supports main idea of plot

- o Descriptions
- A spot you can make a connection or learn something new

The key different between the two is...

What is important to the story will be important no matter who the reader is.

Interests are different! What is interesting to you might not be to another reader. As you read, you will connect to different parts of the story. We all have our different connections, so what is interesting to each of us is also different.

Reflecting

At this time, turn to your "Summarizing Activity" that you completed of the story of your choice. You are going to decide whether the information in your summary is important or interesting. If there is anything that you find might just be interesting, underline it with any coloured pencil.

Then, check if your summary still includes all the important facts about the story.

After determining what details could be edited, rewrite your summary. Add information and take out the underlined interesting facts.

Summarizing the Important Information

After double checking your summary on the last page for interesting vs. important parts of the story, rewrite your summary below making sure you have all the important information.				