**Write for Delight**

**Week of October 10, 2016**

**“Imagine this…. If I could travel back in time….”**

This week we are transitioning from “Imagine This…” to writing biographies in preparation for the upcoming 5th grade Biography Day on November 10. To do this, we’ll be imagining that time travel were a possibility, and asking students to identify a person from the past that they’d like to visit. We’ll do some prewrite brainstorming, and set the stage for the piece they will write this week.

Interested students are invited to continue working on entries for the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom’s “Imagine This….” storywriting contest. Information was provided previously. We must receive entries no later than October 24.

**For today:**

**Typing club:** continue to do a minimum of 3 sessions outside of class, at least 10 minutes each. Please note the time on the website, not by setting a timer! 10 minutes on a timer will be less than 10 minutes on the website!

**Writing Warmups:** same as last week, working on #15 this week.

**Assignment:** “If I could travel back in time….” To set the stage for imaginative writing, we’ll be listening to a portion of *The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet* by Eleanor Cameron—available in our school library. Following that, we’ll brainstorm by answering a series of questions. As students write, they are encouraged to apply what we’ve previously taught to develop a strong beginning, middle and end using the brainstorming activity from class as a foundation. The finished piece of writing should be a minimum of 3 paragraphs, with a rough and final draft, stapled together with the in-class brainstorming activity as well as the rubric included in this packet.

**Textbook activity:** Use the provided 5th grade social studies text to explore the biographical dictionary and identify three possible people that you’d like to write about. Write their names below:

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