**QUALITIES OF GOOD PERSONAL NARRATIVE WRITING**

1. WRITE A LITTLE SEED STORY: DON’T WRITE ALL ABOUT A GIANT WATERMELON. KEEP STORIES FOCUSED ON SMALL MOMENTS THAT MATTER.

2. ZOOM IN SO YOU TELL THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE STORY. ENGAGE THE READER WITH THE IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT DETAILS.

3. BEGIN WITH A STRONG LEAD-ACTION, DIALOGUE, OR A SETTING DESCRIPTION. GRAB A POTENTIAL READER’S ATTENTION WITH A GREAT BEGINNING.

4. CREATE A STRONG ENDING-ACTION, DIALOGUE, WHOLE STORY REMINDERS TO CREATE A LASTING IMAGE FOR THE READER.

5. TRY TO RELIVE THE STORY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER YOU WRITE IT.