

## Kindergarten: Writers' Workshop

**Mini Lesson:** Putting the right amount of space between words

Materials: A popsicle stick for each child; markers; blue "free write" journals

1. Hand out blue "free write" journals.
2. Look at "**We want more snow.**" and "**Wewantmoresnow.**" on the SMART board.
3. How do we make sure there is enough space between words? We need enough space for Spacegirl or Spaceboy. Model using Spacegirl while copying the sentence on the SMART board.
4. Give each student a popsicle stick.
5. Have students copy 1<sup>st</sup> word and place their popsicle stick after the word and hold it there while they write the next word, and so forth for the rest of the sentence.
6. If time, do this now: Have students decorate the sticks and keep them in their cups for future writing. Explain rules: Sticks are only allowed out if students are writing more than one word. If students play with sticks, I will remove them and hand them out only for certain writing tasks.

If not, do this later today or this week when we need to fill 5 minutes.

7. Ask #3s to collect popsicle sticks (and markers if markers were used).