Ideas Mini-lesson #1 Seed Stories

Draw a watermelon

Draw a seed

Talk about how 1000’s of seeds can be found in a watermelon, relate this to how 1000’s of small moment stories can be found in big life events.

Model

Make a watermelon, timeline of my spring break trip in 9th grade. List driving there, hotel on way, hotel in Florida, more driving, at Disney World, Days 1 -5, driving home, hotel on way home, more driving

Talk about how that story is too big, overwhelming, will bore my readers, so I need to find a seed in that watermelon to write about

Talk about cool arcade in hotel in Florida and talk about argument I had with Dave.

Model writing a story about the argument with Dave.

Talk about what I left out.

Follow up

Make a watermelon timeline of the time I went to Disney World in college.

Talk about the story being too big and overwhelming, and model finding seeds in the story

* Possible seeds: thinking it was really dark in Space Mt. , being surprised by talking garbage can, trying to make Mad Hatters hat spin faster to make friend sick.