

How to Rock the STAAR

The timeline for effectively preparing your students for the year-end assessment

Attend The Workshop

- Learn the direct instruction students need for expository writing.
- Learn strategies for the writing skills tested on STAAR
- Learn how to effectively assess and provide MEANINGFUL feedback that students can work with.
- Learn how to maximize your instructional time and have more students reach goal.



1 Day
in January

Confidently apply what you've learned the very next day!

The Very Next Day in Your Classroom



Now what does your writing class look like?

- You're using common language with your students
- You're assessing their writing skills taught
- You're providing specific feedback that is more helpful than simply "write more"
- You're building their vocabulary
- Your students are revising their work



During February & March

Rock the Feedback like a Pro!

Garden School - My Home Away from Home

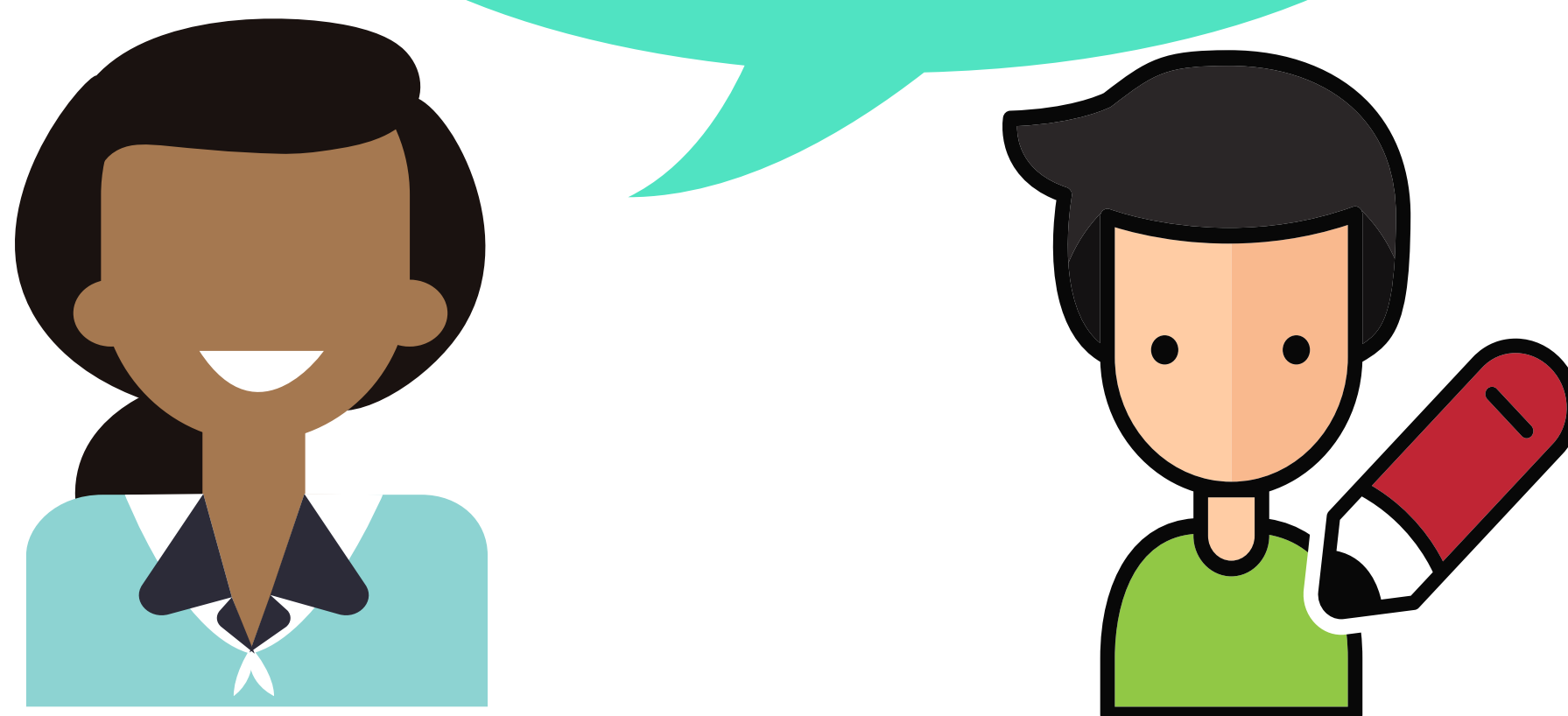
When you first see Garden School with its old-fashioned brick and stone entranceway surrounded by tall oak trees and beautifully sculpted bushes you might feel as though you're stepping into the past. But actually, I believe this century-old structure is home to the most modern school anywhere! There's no place I'd rather spend Garden School - the beautiful building, excellent teachers, and atmosphere make it my home away from home.

I absolutely adore my classroom in the old wing of the entire wall is taken up with enormous old, paneled windows. I enjoy gazing out into the boughs of the trees outside, watching the birds and squirrels, thinking about my work or just daydreaming. I really appreciate the old building, with thick fancy doors and woodwork. There's even an in one end of the hallway lined tiles. I

This is a great place for details. Remember - What does it look like? Why is it important to your main idea?

Can you think of another way to say "school"? Try a word referent!

Great start! For better word choice, what is a word referent for "school"?



Rock the STAAR!

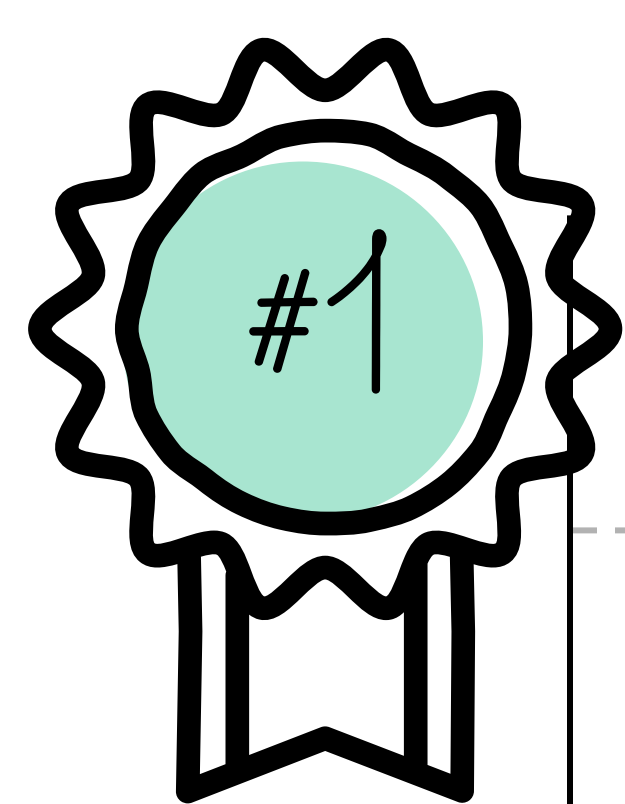
No tears, no tantrums, just results!

Your students will know how to:

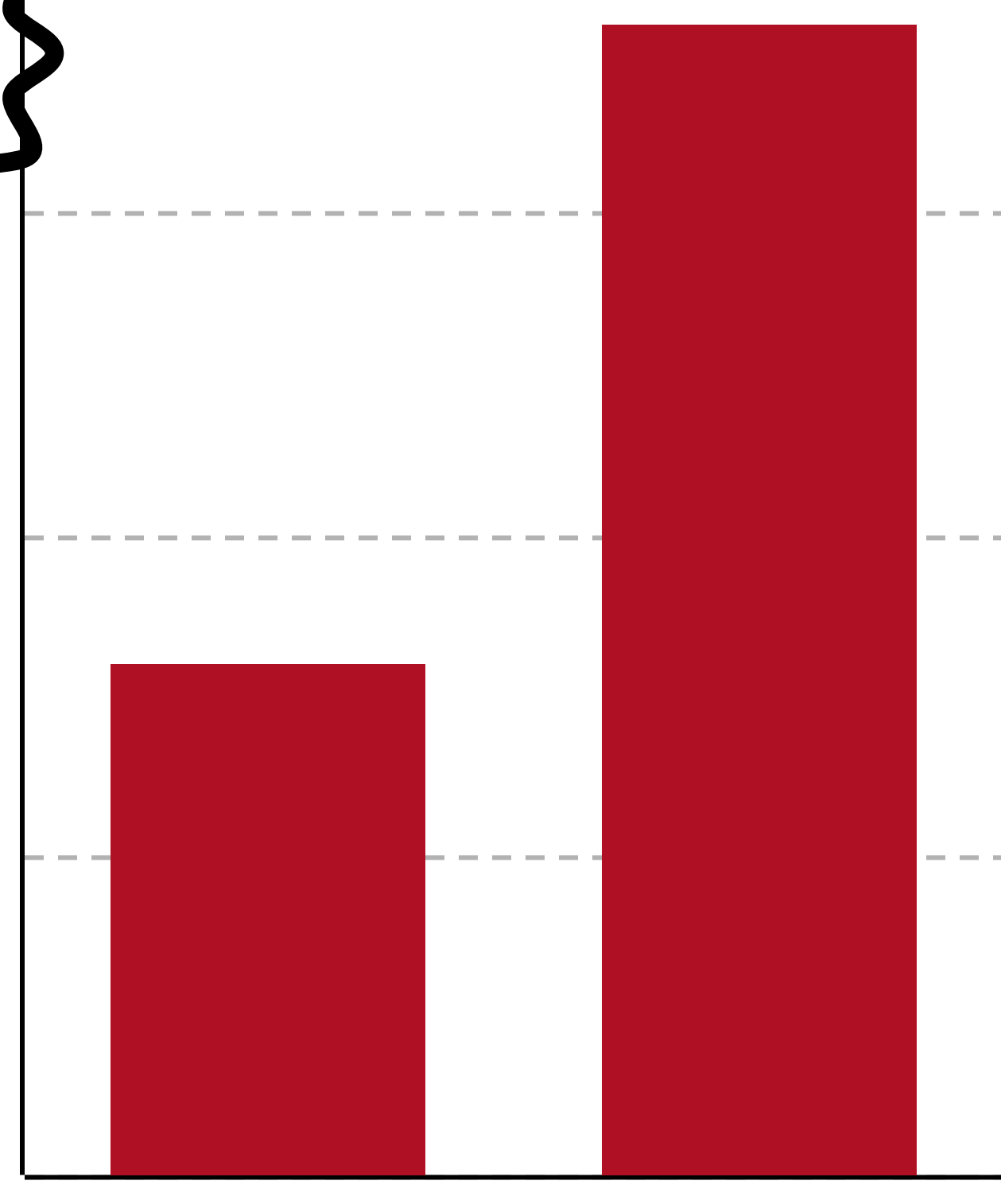
- Understand the prompt for givens and variables
- Where to provide appropriate detail
- How to revise their writing

April 7th
STAAR Day

How do we know it works?



Your Classroom



Empowering Writers
Taylor Intermediate School Improves **19%**

STAAR Writing Scores

Year	Score
2017	41%
2018	60%

We saw tremendous growth in our writing scores on my campus, but more importantly we saw great individual growth for our students.

Keith Thompson
Principal, Taylor Intermediate School

Q&A with Keith Thompson, Taylor Intermediate School Principal

What was the reason(s) the district was looking for a writing solution/program?

Our district was looking for a writing solution due to the decline in writing abilities and testing scores across the district. Our district has several transitions from one campus to the next and there was a need for a consistent and uniform approach to writing.

What was the reason(s) Empowering Writers was chosen?

Our campus decided to use Empowering Writers after we attended our first expository training. Our eyes were opened to a new way of teaching writing through skills. We loved the idea that writing is not formulaic and that our students could develop their writing through some simple strategies that were taught.

Click to download the Taylor Middle School to read one example of the impact of Empowering Writers' approach to writing instruction.

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