Writing Interview

1. Why do people write? (List as many reasons as you can.) People write to express themselves and to help other people understand how they feel inside.

2. Why do you write? (For example, what have you written this week and why?) I write to tell stories and make people feel happy and joyful.

3. How often do you write when you are not at school? Why? I write at least three times a week for fun.

4. How do you decide what to write about? I decide by imagining a scene in my head and expanding from that moment.

5. How do you feel about the writing that you do at school and at home? Sometimes writing at school can be a challenge, but writing at home for fun is always fun.

6. What is the best thing you have ever written? Why do you like it? The best thing I have ever written is a story about two sisters who have to move away from home during World War Two. I like the characters I created.

7. How did you learn to write? I learned to write by listening in school and by paying attention whenever I read a book.
8. Have you learned anything about writing from the books someone has read to you or you have read yourself? What have you learned? What is the best book you know that shows kids something about good writing?

Yes, I have learned that the best writing can make you happy, sad, mad, or even surprise you. I would recommend The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.

9. What kinds of topics do you especially like to write about? My favorite topics are children, adventure, and family, and growing up.

10. What kind of writing do you like?

- [x] letters
- [x] science fiction/fantasy/fairy tales
- [x] poetry
- [x] biography and autobiography
- [x] realistic story
- [x] history or social studies reports
- [x] mystery
- [x] plays

Select one kind of writing and tell why you like it. I love fantasy because my characters can be and do anything.

11. What advice would you give students in this room to help them write well? I would say that writing is all about editing and revising. Also, always keep a dictionary close by, your desk.

12. What would you like to learn how to do better as a writer? I would like to learn how to better organize my writing.

13. How can I help you become a better writer?

14. Is there anything else you want me to know about you as a writer?