**Building Blocks for Writing…**

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| **Main Idea**   * **What the story is about / topic** * **Details refer to the main idea** * **Lesson or moral** * **General idea of the story** * **Purpose—inform, entertain** * **Stay on topic** * **Tell why / how something happened** |
| **Story Structure**   * **Beginning** * **Middle** * **End** * **Who, what, when, where, why , how** |
| **Word Choice**   * **Descriptive** * **Rich / fifth grade words, not baby words** * **No “retired”, only lively words** * **Don’t be redundant** * **Good grammar** * **Punctuation / spelling** * **Homophones are correctly used** * **Leads the reader into the story** |