Kindergarten Narrative Prompt Teacher Directions

* Show the picture. Ask the class what they see happening in the picture.
* Explain that each student is to write a story about what might be happening in this picture. When they have finished writing, they will add a picture of their own.
* Allow a few minutes for discussion with a partner. Give out lined or unlined paper. Then use your typical classroom writing process to support students in completing the writing prompt. The piece should represent first draft writing (done in a single sitting).
* The response should include a picture and whatever sentences, words, or letters the child can add. An adult may assist with sounding out or spelling words and/or transcribe the child's words if desired. Dictation is permitted.
* Please distinguish the child's independent production from words or letters produced with adult help by **underlining any part of the writing done with teacher support**. The writing sample will be most useful to other teachers if it is easy to tell where help was given.
* We understand that, especially in the fall, most Kindergartners have had limited experience with writing.

