The Writing Community

- Education involves many people, such as teachers, students, and community members. Everyone involved takes on the role of teacher and learner at different times in the educational process.
Community Learners

- We may write in solitude, yet we seek company for rehearsal and audience.

- For excellence, the presence of others is always required.

- Hannah Arendt
Collaboration

• To promote the establishment of a writing community within the classroom, highly structured collaborative exercises are developed that enables students to share ideas and try out writing strategies together (Kanar xxii).
Diversity in Learning

- Strengths
- Weakness

We develop an Expertise list
Critical Thinker

- Students analyze writing
- Students question information
- Students discuss purpose
- Students evaluate ideas
Students Success

- Listen actively to others.
- Take roles needed for group tasks.
- Give and receive help in the group.
- Take and give positive criticism.
Argument

• It’s not about fighting or debating
• There’s not one winner and one loser or one right or wrong way
• It requires justification of its claim
• Elements of truth seeking
• Persuasion
Acquired Knowledge

• “Education is not how much you know or what you have committed to memory, but the ability to tell the difference between the two.”

• Anatole France