



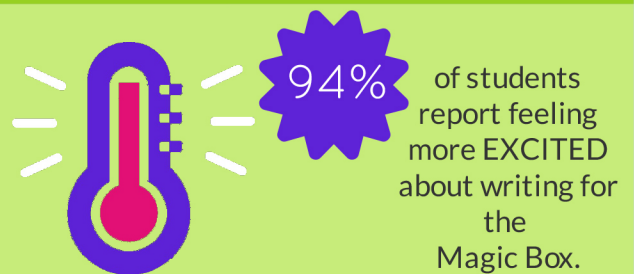
Why **Stories that Soar?**



When the arts are integrated with literacy instruction, students become better readers and writers, their critical thinking skills are developed, and school culture is improved. ¹

Motivation

“When students feel a sense of ownership, they **WANT** to engage in academic tasks and persist in learning.” ²



Creativity + Critical Thinking

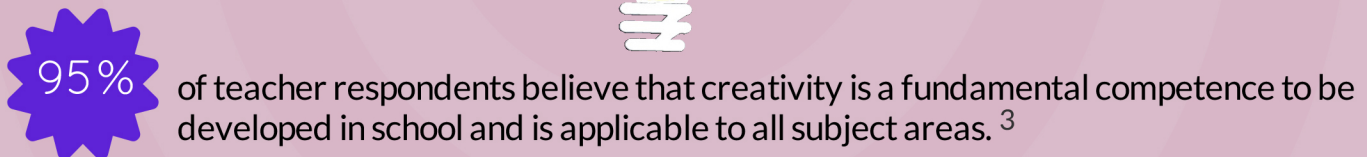
“We may be little kids but we have **BIG** imaginations!”

~ 3rd grader
Holaway Elementary



“Writing for the Magic Box allows me to process my ideas.”

~ 4th grader
Homer Davis Elementary



School Community



“Tell me your story and I’ll tell you mine;
We’ll put all our stories on a pretend stage
and then we’ll know who we are.”

~ Vivian Paley, Educator and Author

Sources:

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² American Psychological Association, Developing Responsible and Autonomous Learners: A Key to Motivating Students

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