Websites

Center for Teaching and Learning
http://www.c-t-l.org/kids_recommend.html
The center for teaching and Learning provides an excellent resource of books for a range of grade levels to help teacher select quality mentor text that can be used in their writing classrooms.

Education.com
http://www.education.com/activity/middle-school/writing/
This website provides Middle School Writing activities to help show your child the fun side of learning! There is a range from easy middle school writing activities to more advanced.

Perdue Writing Lab
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl
The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Students, members of the community, and users worldwide will find information to assist with many writing projects. Teachers and trainers may use this material for in-class and out-of-class instruction.

No Name Calling
http://www.nonnamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html
No Name-Calling Week is an annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in their communities.

Reading and Writing Project at Columbia: http://rwproject.tc.columbia.edu/
This site is a great resourced for research based ideas, theory, pedagogy and assessments developed by the educators at Teacher College.

Books

Lessons That Change Writers by Nancie Atwell

Naming the World: A Year of Poems and Lessons by Nancie Atwell

In the Middle by Nancie Atwell

The Reading Zone by Nancie Atwell

The Art of Teaching Writing by Lucy Calkins
Writing Workshop by Ralph Fletcher and Joann Portalupi

Craft Lessons and Nonfiction Craft Lessons by Joann Portalupi and Ralph Fletcher

The Writer’s Notebook, How Writers Work, Poetry Matters, and Live Writing by Ralph Fletcher (these are books written for students (at about a 4th-6th grade level)).

Lessons for the Writer’s Notebook and Teaching the Qualities of Writing by Ralph Fletcher and Joann Portalupi

The Power of Grammar by Mary Ehrenworth and Vicki Vinton

The Revision Toolbox by Georgia Heard

Awakening the Heart: Exploring Poetry in Elementary and Middle School by Georgia Heard

How to Write Your Life Story by Ralph Fletcher

The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research by Stephen D. Krashen

Schools that Work: Where All Students Read and Write by Richard L. Allington and Patricia M. Cunningham

On Writing Well by William Zinsser

Literacy In Process: The Heinemann Reader edited by Brenda Miller Power and Ruth Shagoury Hubbard

**Songs:**

“So Much to Say” by the Dave Matthews Band

“Around My Way” by Talib Kweli

“Water” by The Roots

“Singing Man” by The Roots

“Swim” by Jack’s Mannequin

“And he gets the Girl” by Lupe Fiasco

“Drive” by Incubus
“Change Your Mind” by Sister Hazel

“Tomorrow Never Knows” by The Beatles

“Scars and Stitches” by Guster

“Joining You” by Alanis Morissette

“Sing Along” by The Blue Man Group featuring Dave Matthews

“Just Wait” by Blues Traveler

“I am Not My Hair” by India.Arie featuring Akon

“In the Garage” by Weezer

“Father of Mine” by Everclear

“Ants Marching” by Dave Matthews Band

“Go the Distance” by Roger Bart

“Stick to the Status Quo”--High School Musical

“Grey Street” by the Dave Matthews Band