

Writing Strategies

- Follow the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, publishing
- Write following a variety of directives, including writing to prompts, timed writing, and collaborative writing
- Evaluate their own personal writing, as well as others
- Proofread writing to correct convention errors

Organization and Focus

- Use models and traditional structures to develop personal writing
- Write with a focus, specific structure, and a single viewpoint
- Address a purpose for writing
- Write to a specified audience
- Write both single paragraph and multi paragraph compositions

Revision Skills

- Correct sentence fragments and run on sentences
- Vary sentence structure, word order, and sentence length
- Combine sentences into compound sentences
- Elaborate writing by using details, new vocabulary, examples, dialogue, and quotations
- Revise writing by following a rubric

Writing Applications

- Construct narrative compositions through story, paragraphs, personal narratives, journal writing, and poetry
- Apply descriptive writing in titles, captions, posters, paragraphs, stories, and poetry
- Apply expository writing through comparison/contrast paragraphs, oral explanations, directions, speeches, how-to writing, letters, news stories, essays, reports, or invitations
- Use persuasive writing in paragraphs, essays, and posters/ads
- Write across the curriculum
- Write everyday through journal writing, reading responses, messages, summaries, essays, or short answer responses