Writing Strategies

Content and Organization	Sentence Structure	Conventions

➢ Writes fiction with a clear beginning, middle and end
  • *Write a story and publish it on book blurb (www.blurb.com)*
➢ Develops stories with plots that include problems and solutions
➢ Writes about feeling and opinions
  • *Keep a digital journal with Story Kit (Free app)*
➢ Writes organized nonfiction pieces (reports, letters and lists) with guidance
  • *Draft your family's grocery list*
  • *Send a letter or a postcard to a family member who lives away.*
➢ Creates poems based on different types that have been introduced
  • *Check out Poetry4kids.com or download the app RhymeNo (Fre) to practice rhyming*
➢ Seeks and uses descriptive feedback to incorporate into writing
➢ Adapts writing for purpose and audience
	➢ Uses a variety of strategies/tools to plan for writing
	➢ Begins to experiment with sentence length and complex sentence structure
	  • *Create a digital book with the app Story Kit (Free). Add photos or drawings and details with the audio function and writing tool.*
	➢ Varies beginning of sentences
	➢ Uses transitional words (and, to, then, like, again, as well as, etc.)
	  • *Write a recipe and include the steps with transitional words.*
	  • *Write an instructional guide and include step-by-step instructions to teach a friend or a family member how to accomplish something.*
	➢ Uses precise language or phrases that are more exact in meaning
	➢ Uses multi-syllable word
	➢ Uses details, strong verbs, interesting language and dialogue
	  • *Write a rap, song or create a play and perform for your family or friends.*
	➢ Begins to use paragraphs to organize ideas
	  • *Send an email to a family member*
		➢ Uses end punctuation and capital letters correctly
		➢ Uses commas and apostrophes correctly with guidance
		➢ Edits draft copy for missing punctuation and capitalization
		  • *Ask a friend or family member to read through your work and offer feedback.*
		➢ Uses standard spelling of frequently used words
		➢ Edits draft copy for errors
		➢ Uses resources such as personal dictionary, class dictionary and thesaurus
		  • *Complete a writing activity with the app Typo ($4.99) It has a word prediction function, which will help you identify and write your words accurately.*
		  • *Download the app My Spelling Test (Free) to practice spelling the words found in your personal dictionary accurately.*