



Shakopee Area Catholic School  
Writing Standards and Benchmarks  
Grade Level: 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Handwriting**

- ▶ The student will demonstrate legible handwriting.
  - Employ correct spacing between words
  - Utilize capital letters and punctuation.
  - Transitions into cursive
  - Structure of each cursive letter is formed properly

### **Writing Skills**

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
  - Compose prewriting strategies to plan their writing (brainstorming, graphic organizers, web, and questioning)
  
- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
  - Classify ideas in a sequential order in the written work
  - Composes paragraphs with indentation to separate ideas
  - Constructs an original story that uses symbols (Chinese)
  - Composes a personal narrative
  - Expands the writers thought by journaling
  - Writes a friendly letter and utilizes the 5 main parts (date, greeting, body, closing and signature)
  - Examines an animal through research and to write a multiple paragraph essay to inform
  
- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
  - Develops a strong introduction to grab readers attention
  - Convey their own feeling and emotion about the topic
  
- ▶ The student will evaluate their writing using word choice strategy.
  - Includes a variety of words to strengthen their writing
  - Constructs similes to create an image in the readers mind
  
- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
  - Composes sentences with varied lengths
  - Constructs sentences with varied beginnings
  - Uses transitions

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
  - Composes complete sentences when writing.
  - Recognizes and correctly uses nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, and adverbs
  - Identifies and utilizes correct punctuation conventions
  - Able to recognize the subject and predicate of a sentence
  
- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
  - Handwritten in legible cursive in paragraph form
  - Word processed in paragraph form
  - Utilize Kidspiration to organize/expand ideas