



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Writing Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: Kindergarten

Handwriting

- ▶ The student will demonstrate legible handwriting.
 - Demonstrate how to correctly form many of the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet, monitor, and discuss differences
 - Apply knowledge by writing left to right and top to bottom
 - Write in proper print his/her first and last names

Writing Skills

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
 - Employ prewriting strategies to plan written work; choose a topic, organize and plan using graphic organizers.
 - Choose a variety of details and creativeness to express ideas

- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
 - Introduce how to organize ideas in logical order
 - Cite beginning, middle, and end of a sentence
 - Demonstrate knowledge of the writing process through the use of **shared writing**; class books, lists, stories, **environmental print**, and observations
 - Use knowledge of the writing process with independent journals and writing prompts
 - Develop writing skills through interactive writing activities; morning message chart, class stories, using word order, and writing sentences.

- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
 - Transfer voice by being able to develop their individual's own writing style.

- ▶ The student will evaluate their writing using word choice strategy.
 - Tell how words convey meaning
 - Utilize to use describing words in their writing

- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
 - Match consonant and short vowel sounds to appropriate letters and begin to write consonant-vowel-consonant words
 - Employ the basic sounds (phonemes) of the English language to the writing process
 - Identify that sentences have structure

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
 - Use a period, question mark, or exclamation point when prompted
 - Apply knowledge of basic phonics to spell

- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
 - Demonstrate writing through pictures, handwriting, and class/individual stories