



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Writing Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 1st

Handwriting

- ▶ The student will demonstrate legible handwriting.
 - Improve formation of uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
 - Demonstrate correct spacing between letters and words.

Writing Skills

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
 - Choose an appropriate topic
 - Offers details, facts and examples to support the main idea

- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
 - Construct a good beginning, middle and end
 - Organize and plan the writing using graphic organizers
 - Arrange ideas in a logical order
 - Identify and rewrite a friendly letter using the 5 main parts of a letter (date, greeting, body, closing and signature)
 - Form a personal narrative
 - Describe a chosen topic through writing
 - List directions or instructions
 - Compose an original story
 - Restate information in a class research paper
 - Journal thoughts and ideas through pictures, lists, and sentences

- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
 - Use own words to tell about the topic
 - Reword the writing while taking into consideration the audience and purpose

- ▶ The student will evaluate their writing using word choice strategy.
 - Choose sensory words to describe the topic more clearly

- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
 - Construe sentences with subject/predicate agreement
 - Offer details, when needed, to improve the writing
 - Make use of a self-evaluation of their own writing
 - Utilize conference time with teacher and peers to improve the work

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
 - Proofread own written work for spelling, capitalization and punctuation, and grammar errors
 - Choose correct end marks (period, question mark, and exclamation mark)
 - Use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence and with proper nouns
 - Identify and correctly use verbs, including past, present and future tenses
 - Identify and correctly use nouns and pronouns

- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
 - Handwritten in letter form
 - Handwritten in proper sentence structure
 - Word process poems and sentences