



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Writing Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 2

Handwriting

- ▶ The student will demonstrate legible handwriting.
 - Practice legible handwriting with improved formation of the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
 - Demonstrate the spacing of words appropriately.
 - Recognize the use of all capital letters.

Writing Skills

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
 - Expands a fresh/original idea
 - Understands topic well in research paper
 - Enhances writing with illustration
 - Recognizes the meaning of the general idea
 - Tells a story with a beginning, middle, and end.

- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
 - Pick a topic appropriate to the reader
 - Organize and plan using graphic organizers
 - Brainstorm and discuss ideas
 - Write effective notes for informative writing
 - Form writing to entertain and inform
 - Demonstrates that writing communicates meaning and information.
 - Rewrite a letter and identify the five parts of a letter (date, greeting, body, closing, signature)
 - Show descriptive writing
 - Compose a personal narrative.
 - Formulates and writes a story.
 - Research and retell information in multiple expository paragraphs

- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
 - Exert the use of emotion in writing.
 - Identify an idea or point of view
 - Expand writing with a clear sense of audience

- ▶ The student will evaluate their writing using word choice strategy.
 - Put to use describing within their writing
 - Utilizes a variety of words
 - Show how verbs are most important

- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
 - Show complete sentences.
 - Check if the writing is easy to read aloud.
 - Alter sentence length.
 - Expound work by adding details.

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
 - Identify and correctly use nouns, verbs, and pronouns.
 - Identify and correctly use adjectives and adverbs.
 - Write correct end marks for different types of sentences.
 - Write complete sentences with correct subject-verb agreement.
 - Use capital letters at the beginning of sentences, and with proper nouns, days and months.

- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
 - Handwritten in legible form
 - Word processed poems
 - Hand-drawn graphic organizers (Venn Diagrams, story web, . . .)
 - Handwritten Friendly letters