



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Writing Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 6

Writing Skills

- ▶ The student will employ a wide range of ideas.
 - Brainstorm ideas for prewriting

- ▶ The student will apply different organizational strategies in their writing.
 - Use a variety of graphic organizers
 - Draft a rough copy
 - Research a famous Minnesotan of to construct a five paragraph research essay using Thea Holtan as a resource
 - Write in narrative mode to tell a story
 - Compose in expository mode to inform and explain
 - Write in persuasive mode to construct an argument
 - Create in descriptive mode to paint a picture with words
 - Write in an imaginative mode to create a new way of seeing things
 - Compose poetry in various forms
 - Write a friendly letter
 - Write a family memory book, biography on a family member
 - Writes in response to literature to describe an initial impressions of a text, connecting knowledge from a text with personal knowledge and reflections
 - Reflect weekly in a life book, using writing prompts given by the instructor, or creating their own topics

- ▶ The student will express appropriate voice in their writing.
 - Consider the mode and audience to write effectively

- ▶ The student will create pictures with their writing using effective word choice.
 - Properly use various kinds and forms of nouns, subject and verb agreement
 - Recognize and use various kinds of verbs, verb tense and their regular and irregular forms
 - Distinguish the kinds of adjectives and adverbs, their proper placement in sentences and their use in comparisons
 - Identify and use metaphor and simile
 - Make use of various resources to enhance word choice

- ▶ The student will examine the fluency of their sentences in written work.
 - Complete the structure of a sentence, noting of varied sentence structure and complete sentences
 - Analyze the structure of simple compound, and complex sentences and correct sentence fragments and run-ons

- ▶ The student will apply Standard English conventions.
 - Use correct capitalization in prose as well as in special cases such as place names, titles, letters, abbreviations, numbers, and dialogue
 - Use correct punctuation, comma use, quotations, apostrophes, and end marks

- ▶ The student will present their writing in diverse formats.
 - Handwriting
 - Word processing
 - Compose family memory book
 - Illustrate an advertisement
 - Give oral presentations
 - Create books
 - Participate in poetry contests
 - Create ads
 - Create newspapers