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Grade 4 Writing

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Most writing in fourth grade is completed independently. Students learn more complex ways to organize and structure their writing while maintaining a focus. They use a variety of details to support an analytical focus. Introductions and conclusions continue to develop. Students make inferences and connections within their writing. They pre-write, draft, revise and edit their pieces. The following outline provides an overview of what students should know and be able to do by the end of fourth grade.

Writing Dimensions ~ Introduction

Genre/Forms of Writing

Writes a variety of pieces including:

- Responses to Text
- Reports
- Narratives
- Procedures

Informational Writing:

Purpose

- writes an introduction
- states and maintains a controlling idea or focus

Organization

- organizes ideas using an introduction, body, and conclusion
- uses transition words and phrases
- writes a conclusion that reinforces the focus

Detail

- uses facts and/or details to support a focus
- uses details to help the readers understand

Voice and Tone

- uses sentence variety/structure and vocabulary appropriate to grade level

Expressive Writing

Purpose

- uses character, setting, problem and solution to create an understandable storyline

Organization

- creates a clear and understandable storyline with beginning, middle, and end

Detail

- uses details and descriptions to support their writing

Voice and Tone

- uses sentence variety/structure and vocabulary appropriate to grade level

Writing Structures and Conventions:

- recognizes and writes a variety of simple and compound sentences
- uses paragraph form including indenting, main idea, and supporting detail
- identifies grammatical errors when given examples
- applies basic capitalization rules
- uses commas correctly in dates and in a series
- uses end punctuation in a variety of sentence structures
- applies spelling knowledge in proofreading and editing of writing
- spells grade appropriate, high frequency words
- uses patterns, syllable and within word, to spell correctly