



1st Grade Writing Scoring Guide

1st students are scored in the area of Ideas and Content, Organization and Conventions each trimester for the purpose of the report card and work samples. Teachers can use this scoring guide to aid in the development of mini lessons and for the purpose of grading and report cards. It is aligned to our district defined expectations for writing as well as the official state scoring guide

		<i>Ideas and Content</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Conventions</i>			
				<i>Spelling</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Capitalization Punctuation</i>	<i>Letter Forms Penmanship</i>
Work Sample Score	Possible Progress Report Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, focused, interesting • Main idea • Supporting details • Advanced words and ideas using descriptive words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order and structure are strong and move the reader through the text • Effective sequencing; easy to follow • Beginning draws reader in, details fit, and satisfying closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently and independently spells correctly more advanced words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently applies correct use of singular/plural nouns and possessive pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently applies correct capitalization and punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a neatly written piece of work with all letters formed correctly
5	4						
4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, focused • Main idea • Support is present, but limited or general • Simplistic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly defined topic sentence • Supporting detail sentences • Clearly defined conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use conventional spelling and letter knowledge to spell independently most of the time • Spells sight words correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the time uses correct singular/plural nouns • Writes simple possessive pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses correct capitalization most of the time • Uses correct ending punctuation most of the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prints legibly • Use correct spacing and letter formation • No letters reversed
3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplistic • Main idea • Supporting details limited, or off topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt made to organize the writing; however overall structure is inconsistent or skeletal • Unclear sequencing • Ineffective details • May miss ending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some use of conventional spelling and letter knowledge • Uses beginning and ending sounds and some vowel sounds correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some use of correct singular/plural nouns • Writes some simple possessive pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some correct use of capitals and punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some letters are formed correctly • More consistent use of spacing between words
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear, underdeveloped • Extensive inferences • Insufficient, irrelevant, or repetitive details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader has to reread portions, or it is too short – 1 sentence • A missing or extremely undeveloped beginning, body, and ending • Details are randomly placed leaving the reader confused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling with beginning sounds only • Phonetic spelling lacks correct vowel sounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect or no usage of singular or plural nouns or possessive pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization errors or only one capital used • Punctuation used once or randomly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters formed incorrectly • Inconsistent spacing
1	1 or NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks central idea or purpose • Random letters • Copying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No beginning, body, or ending • Only words or phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling is random letters • Copying only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sentences, single words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No capitals • No punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not legible • No spacing between words