

# Grade 1 Parent Writing Tips

- Encourage your child to tell you a story every day.
- Encourage your child to write a list for the grocery store.
- Set time every day to “unplug” technology and connect with your child.
- Have your child use temporal words when they are sharing their ideas with you.
- Encourage your child to write thank you notes to family and friends.
- Even though your child is beginning to read, continue to read to them every day. Ask your child to share their opinion about the story and give a reason for their opinion.
- Have your child compose his or her own thank you notes or holiday cards. Model heartfelt sentiments and the conventions of letter writing for your child.
- When on vacation, select post cards with your child. Help your child write a short message on each to express the highlight of their day. Show your child where to place the stamp and how to insert the card in the mailbox at the post office and enjoy sharing their experiences with friends and family.

## **Spelling:**

- Have high expectations for the spelling words we have already studied.
- Don't have your child correct the spelling of every challenging word; inventive spelling is encouraged.
- When children write and you see an error, pose the question “What do you think is the correct spelling?”

## **At Home Writing:**

- Form a pen pal relationship with your child in your home. Write short notes or reflective messages to your child and ask your child write back. These messages can be about anything: how much you love them, an enjoyable moment in the day, or they can describe something to which you are looking forward. A blank journal book, post-it, or stationery can be ways to share these notes.