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Writing Every Day: From Sentences to Stories

This Month's Focus: The plan calls for students to write daily in every content area using clear, consistent criteria. October's focus is helping students see themselves as writers, not just readers.

Tips for Parents & Families

- Keep a notebook or journal handy for quick daily writing — even a few sentences count.
- Write real things together: grocery lists, thank-you notes, or texts to family members.
- Ask your child to read their writing aloud to you before you offer any feedback.
- Praise specific strengths first ("I love how you described that!") before suggesting a change.

Tips for School Volunteers & Tutors

Grade Band	Volunteer & Tutor Tip
K-3	Support pencil grip, letter formation, and stroke order; let students dictate a sentence for you to write if needed.
4-6	Ask students to write a short reflective summary of something they read or a family event.
7-8	Practice both short-answer and longer written responses; talk through the answer out loud before writing.
9-12	Help students draft, then revise — focus feedback on one or two specific improvements at a time.

Try This at Home: Family Journal

Share a notebook where family members take turns writing an entry — a thought, a question, or a story — and respond to one another across the week.

"Highly effective lessons include language, reading, writing + knowledge — with 45% of instructional time devoted to student writing."