

Beginning:

- Write from left to right with letters touching writing lines
- Place spaces between words- use a finger, Popsicle stick, etc.
- Use uppercase and lowercase letters
- Use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence
- Use punctuation at the end of a sentence
- Use drawing, guided writing, and dictating to write
- Use letter/sound knowledge, sight words, and word walls to write simple words
- Write correct beginning and ending consonant sounds
- Form an opinion on something

Intermediate

- Consistently use correct, basic capitalization and punctuation
- Write in complete sentences
- Write correct beginning, middle, and ending sounds
- Use and spell sight words correctly
- Be able to read own writing to share with others
- Organize sentences based upon one topic
- Form an opinion on something, and provide a reason/detail

Advanced

- Continues to use sight words and additional grade level words correctly
- Consistently use correct capitalization, punctuation, and, sentence structure
- Organize writing with beginning, middle, and ending
- Choose main topic to write about
- Add details to support main idea
- Begin to use transitions (first, second, third, last, next, etc.)
- Produce a variety of writings (poems, stories, letters, etc).
- Form an opinion and back it up with multiple reasons/details