

Weekly Writing Directions

Parents: Please do not spell for your child. Please encourage your child to stretch out each sound and write the sound they hear. Their writing should reflect their writing stage.

Good writers...

1. Think

Think about something you can write about. You can write about your family, friends, vacations, school, pets, sports, or holidays.

2. Draw

Using pencil, draw a picture of your story. Your picture should clearly show:

- where you are
- what you are doing
- who the people are

3. Label

Label your picture. Your labels should include:

- where you are
- what you are doing
- who the people are

4. Write

Write at least one to three sentences that match your picture (depending upon your child's writing ability).

Writers should:

- put spaces between words
- spell words by stretching out the sounds
- spell your sight words correctly
- begin each sentence with a capital letter
- end each sentence with proper punctuation (. ? !)

5. Reread/Edit

Read your story to make sure it makes sense. Make any corrections that are needed.