MIAMI- DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANGUAGE ARTS/READING



FIRST GRADE TEACHERS WRITING

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Transitioning Grade 1 to CCSS Day 2

So what does the CCSS say about WRITING?

Before we delve into writing... Let's talk about what we know about writing instruction!

Let's Explore The Common Core!

A Guide for...Grade 1 Transition from NGSSS to CCSS



For English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science,

and Technical Subjects

http://www.corestandards.org/



Strands	Components	Correlation within the Writing Process	Things that make you go HUM!?!	How will it impact your instruction?
Writing	Text Types & Purposes			
	Production & Distribution of Writing			
	Research to Build & Present Knowledge			
Language	Conventions			
	Vocabulary			
Print Concepts				
Speaking & Listening	Comprehension & Collaboration Presentation of Knowledge & Ideas			



Let's Do A Little Backmapping!

Grade 2	Grade 1	Kindergarten
	Text Types and Purposes	
<u>W.2.3.</u>	<u>W.1.3</u>	<u>W.K.3</u>
Write narratives in	Write narratives in	Use a combination of
which they recount a	which they recount two	drawing, dictating, and
well-elaborated event or	or more appropriately	writing to narrate a
short sequence of	sequenced events,	single event or several
events, include details to	include some details	loosely linked events,
describe actions,	regarding what	tell about the events in
thoughts and feelings,	happened, use temporal	the order in which they
use temporal words to	words to signal event	occurred, and provide a
signal event order and	order, and provide some	reaction to what
provide a sense of	sense of closure.	happened.
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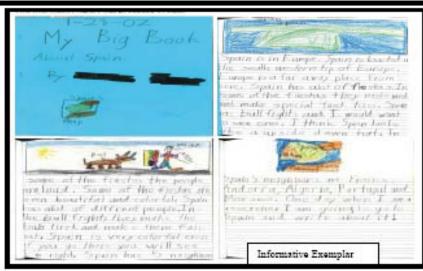
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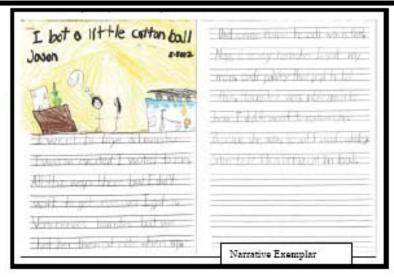
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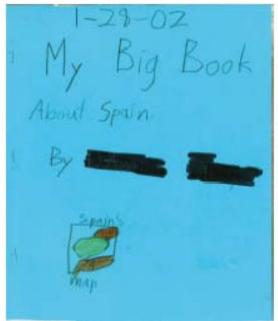
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Grade	Low	Medium	High	Exemplar
			Common Core State Standards (NGSSS)	Samples of Student Writing
				Common Core State Standards

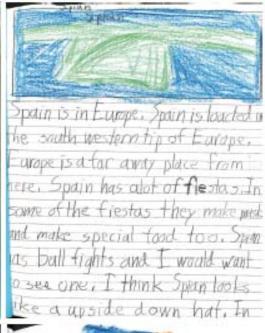
W.1.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: (LA.1.4.3.1) W.1.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: Draws a picture about the topic Introduce topic or name the book Draws a picture None provided by CCSS. State an opinion about the topic Write a reason for the opinion AND/OR W.1.2 Informative/Explanatory: Sense of closure AND/OR Contains a title Writes 2 or more sentences W.1.2 Informative/Explanatory: (LA.1.4.2.2) Names the topic Writes 1 sentence Name a topic Supplies many facts about the topic BUT State facts about the topic Sense of closure which Sense of closure Beginning of sentence capitalized demonstrates. not a complete thought Variety of ending punctuation the student is W.1.3 Narrative: (LA.1.4.1.1) Capitalizes proper nouns ON-topic paragraph · Two or more seguenced events Labeled diagrams Some details about what happened Pictures containing labeled maps which Temporal words to signal event order Descriptive and sensory details Specific word choice demonstrates. Sense of closure. the student is W.1.3 Narrative: L.1.2: Conventions: ON-topic L.1.2a: Capitalize: (LA.K.3.4.2) Contains a title Established the situation with the opening Names of people L.1.2b: <u>End punctuation</u> (LA.1.3.4.6) Two or more sequenced events L.1.2c Commas: (LA.1.3.4.3) Includes some details regarding what happened Contains feelings & indirect dialogue To separate single words in a series Descriptive and sensory word choice L.1.2d Conventional spelling: (LA.1.3.4.1) Uses a comparison Common patterns Temporal words to signal event order Irregularly spelled words Sense of closure L.1.2e Spell untaught words phonetically Understands various uses of capital letters Some punctuation Goal: Developmental Writer Characteristics Writes many details on a topic Can write beyond personal experience Experiments with description & word choice Uses mostly simple and complex sentences Some convention spelling or inventive Uses punctuation

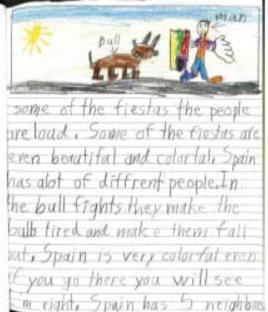
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Characteristics Gr. 1	Þ	evelopmental Stages Of Writing Instructional Focus	Example
writes more than one detail on a topic chooses topics that are generally related to experience has many concepts about print e.g. directionality may not understand spaces around words connects letters to sounds has a small repertoire of high-frequency words		 generating several details on a topic read able phonetic spellings representing every sound in a word conventional spelling of high-frequency words concept of "word boundaries" revision by "adding on" should be moved from writing words to sentences to groups of sentences 	MON Dre protect of the work
Developing Writers: writes many details on a topic can write about topic beyond personal experience begins to experiment with description and word choi uses mostly simple and complex sentences spells many words conventionally or uses phonetic spelling uses punctuation	ce	organizing information and details planning – beginning, middle, end expanding descriptive language writing with personality and voice spelling patterns and strategies sentence combining	Pets Are Fun My pet is a puppy. His name is Spot. He is white with brown and black spots. He sleeps on my bed. He is little and soft. He comes to me when I call him. Spot.
Fluent Writers: creates writing that has a flow and sounds fluent writes about imaginative ideas beyond personal experience prewrites using a variety of organizational and planning tools accesses a variety of text forms for different purpose uses descriptive language and complex sentences demonstrates a writer's voice appropriate to purpose and audience. has age appropriate mastery of conventions		increasing control of conventions increasing sophistication of vocabulary and sentences precise word choice energized by powerful verbs figurative language variety in text forms, audience, perspective independent revision and editing attention to writer's craft	Mrs. Stern was the meanest teacher in the world. She never let her students go on field trips or watch videos. Worst of all, while the rest of the school had parties, we sat and worked. Work, work, work! That's all we ever did. She was also boring and wore the same jet black dress everyday. She was worse than a dragon. A dragon is probably better.

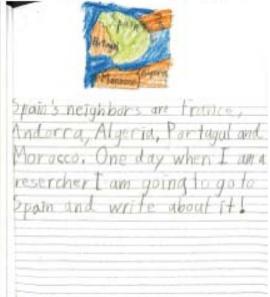












Annotation

The writer of this piece •names the topic (in the title).

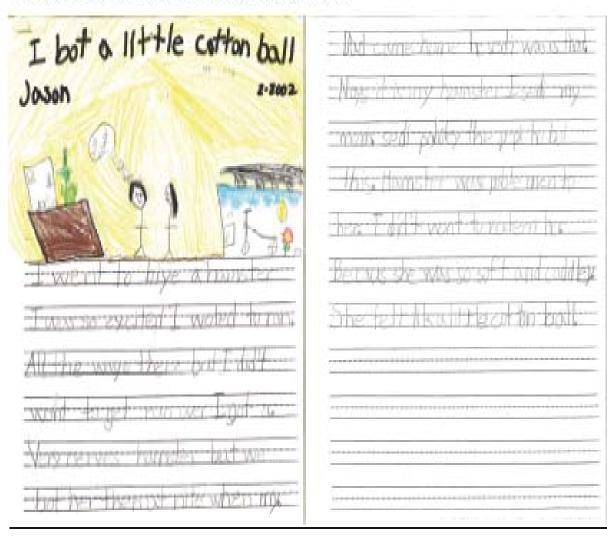
- My Big Book About Spain
 supplies some facts about the topic.
 - Spain is loacted in the south western tip of Europe
 - Spain has a lot of fiestas.
 - Spain . . . has bull fights. . .
 - Spain's neighbors are France, Andorra, Algeria, Portugal and Morocco.

provides some sense of closure.

- •One day when I am a researcher I am going to go to Spain and write about it!
- •demonstrates command of some of the conventions of standard written English.
 - •This piece illustrates the writer's awareness of beginning-of-sentence capitalization and end-of-sentence punctuation as well as the use of capital letters for proper nouns.

Student Sample: Grade 1, Narrative

This narrative is a process piece that was produced in class.



Annotation

The writer of this piece •establishes the situation with the opening sentence.

- I went to biye a hamster . . .
 •recount two or more
 appropriately sequenced events.
 - •I got a. Very nerves hamster. . . then at nite when my. Dad came home
- •includes some detail regarding what happened.
 - •I was so excited I woted to run. Al the waye there . . .
- •uses temporal words to signal order(though the writer does not consistently include them).
 - Then at nite whey my. Dad came hone he sedi was is that. Noys. . .

•provides some sense of closure.

•I Did't wont to ratern her. Because she was so soft and cuddley. She felt lik a little cotton ball.

What Research Says About Primary Writing

Teaching the Youngest Writers
by Marcia Freeman

If we start in the earliest grades, teach print principles, expository and narrative writing-craft techniques, composing and convention skills and provide lots of practice, we can help children become better writers.

We have learned empirically that children who apply their emerging phonetic skills to their writing learn to read to liker than children who do not. We have discovered empirically that children's spelling evolves from experimental and temporary spelling to conventional. We know that children revise and edit as a natural result of sharing and publishing.

When children from these successful writing classrooms enter third grade, their teachers are astounded by their use and knowledge of the Writing Process:

- Where shall we meet for Author's chair?;
- I need a peer conference;
- Will you read my piece for specificity?;
 Knowledge of genre:
- Kelly's narrative has no focus;
- That's a nice hook;
- ·Look how I used a simile.

Best Practices for Teaching Writing

COMMON CORE

- 1. Create an inviting classroom.
- 2. Establish Writing Workshop routines that meet everyday.

 What writers KNOW
- 3. Teach Writer's Craft Techniques using the What writers DO Writing Process and students' developmental writing needs.
- 4. Provide opportunities for authentic writing.
- 5. Provide diverse reading materials modeling the importance of craft and ideas. (Mentor Texts).

Best Practices...

- 6. Make teacher and peer response an integral part of writing instruction, intermittently throughout the writing process.
- 7. Use many techniques for responding including student /teacher conferences, peer conferences and author's chair.
- 8. Students should revise after responses/conferring HOWEVER...

The Best of the Best

Conduct effective writing mini-lessons on a targeted craft or skill by structuring it so that students may:

- > Observe
- > Discuss
- > Simulate

Format of Writer's Workshop

Teacher Needs

- A Meeting Place
- Chart Paper
- Mentor Text, Writing Stimulus that gives an example of the desire product.

Student Needs

A Daily Writing Folder

Lesson Format:

- Teacher Models a short tightly focused Lesson on a Topic/Element
 - o Thinking about the Topic
 - o Topic Sketching
 - o Talking about the Topic

. Teacher extends the Invitation to Write!

- Students think about the topic
- Students sketch topic
- Students talk about the topic with everyone they know, (When Students talk, the important part is the talk not the listering!)

· Students begin writing on their own!

- Students leave their meeting place and return to their space to write.
- Teacher is moving among them conferring and offering support and quidance.





Time to SHARE!

Teacher calls students back to the meeting place and using the following format:

- Ask students to share their work by holding it up for the world to see.
- Partner students to share with each other before they put their work away
- · Select four or five students to share aloud.
- Direct students to respond appropriately to peers using "Compliments" or "TAG"

Building a writing community provides a safe environment for risk taking!



Writer's Graft are the skills and techniques that writers know and use to make their writing clear and interesting.

Craft Skills for

> Characteristics of genres

Characteristics of: Personal Narrative Personal Expository Persuasive Tells a personal story Explains why, how or States an opinion or what you want Focused on one event that Focused on one topic appears to be significant Gives reasons why that is significant to the to the writer Includes people who writer (personal or class thematic Can be fictional are on your side Includes ideas that Needs to include the Tells what you will do explain and support elements of a story if you get it (If...then...) Uses comparisons (characters, setting, Tells why you should 💠 er, est simple plot - movement have it NOW through time and change) similes Uses sensory details Uses sensory details Is reflective Uses feelings with a PRIMARY Is reflective FOCUS!

>Organizing Skills

- Prewriting
 - Listing
 - Clumping details
- Planning
 - Using Graphic Organizers
 - Sketching
- E
- Beginning Techniques
 - Question
 - Exclamation Point
 - Onomatopoeia
- Ending Techniques
 - Feeling
 - Universal word- everybody, everyone everywhere
 - Question ?





> Composing & Literary Skills

Composing Literary ✓ Strong verbs ✓ Comparisons - er, est, simile ✓ Descriptive Attributes ✓ Onomatopoeia √ Transitions ✓ Alliteration oProgression √ Sentence variation o Time √ Specificity oWord Choice Detailed attributes to decorate your writing and eatiefu your reader! Nouns & Verbs Prepositions



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Color	red	brown like a tree tru
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Attribute	Jampie	Comparative
Size	3 feet high	as big as
Color	red	brown like a tree trunk
Shape	oval	like a box
Movement	running, hopping,	faster, slower
or Action	flapping	
Texture	rough, lumpy	slickest, bumpier
Number	nine	more than,fewer
Made From	wooden, glass,	hard as a rock,
Composition	plastic	smooth as glass
Smell	burnt	smoky
Taste	salty	like chips
Location (where)	over, in front of	higher, lower, nearer
Temperature	100°	hotter than
Weight	ten pounds	as heavy as,the
		lightest
Age	five years old	older than my granny
Direction	Left, right, up, dow	vn, backwards, sideways
Habitat	underground, in a	tree, on a pond
Special	stripes, polka dots	s, knobs, buttons,
Features		

> Print Concepts & Conventions Skills

Print Concepts Conventions √Use finger spacing √Use lower case letters ✓ Directionality consistently √Text Wrapping √Write letter/s for consonant & short √Use new page; start at the top vowel sounds √Spelling High-Frequency Words √End Punctuation √ Commas for dates, in series √ Capitalize Sentence beginnings Proper nouns Prewriting/Focusing the topic (mini-lessons, ✓ Plural regular nouns conversations) Drafting √ Possessive nouns Topic √ Personal, possessive & indefinite exploration (genre, author) pronouns Sharing √ Verb tense Publishing Revising

Writing Pacing Guides 2011-2012 AT-A-GLANCE

Grade: 1

Quarter	Topic	Week	Days	Weeks	Main Content
1	Launching	1	5	8/22-8/26	 Routines: mentor text, writer's notebook, mini- lessons, practice, conferencing, sharing (all-year)
	Writer's Workshop	2	5	8/29-9/2	Composing a simple narrative, expository, or persuasive piece Generating ideas Print rich environment
		3	4	9/5-9/9	Continue with weeks 1 & 2 Details/specific word choice
		4	5	9/12-9/16	
		5	5	9/19-9/23	Continue with weeks 1-4 Publish a simple narrative, expository, or
		6	4	9/26-9/30	persuasive piece composed during weeks 1-6
	Rhymes	7	5	10/3-10/7	Compose simple rhymes and/or poetry Generate ideas
	OR Poetry	8	5	10/10-10/14	Word Choice & Details Print rich environment/word collections
		9	5	10/17-10/21	Continue with weeks 7 & 8 Publish simple rhymes and/or poetry from weeks
		10	4	10/24-10/28	7-10

^{*} Refer to week-by-week Pacing Guides for specific details focusing on revising and editing.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS District Pacing Guide

Grade Level or Course Title - Grade 1

STRAND/BODY OF KNOWLEDGE: Language Arts/Writing

TOPIC: Launching Writer's Workshop

Pacing		Date	
Iraditional 9		9/19/11-	
Block	days	9/30/11	

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (SSS)	INSTRUCTIONAL ROUTINES	ESSENTIAL CONTENT	OBJECTIVES	INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS
introduce the topic or the name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.3.1, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.2 Write informative/ explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.2.3, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.1.2, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. AND W.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. (LA.1.3.3.1) L.1.1j Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. In response to prompts.	Primary Writing Folder: RESOURCES FOR EVALUATION Folder: Developmental Stages of Writing 4 Components of Effective Writing: 1. Focus 2. Organization 3. Support 4. Conventions STRATEGIES Folder: Senses Sticks	Choose a topic Dictating/ writing with a focus Supporting details Sensory details Add specific word choice/details to print rich environment Revising for logical thinking Delete repetitive text End punctuation Publish Print rich environment Common spelling patterns High frequency	Participate in writing a simple narrative, expository, or persuasive about higgself herself. Assist in the writing process by dictating to the teacher a thought and/or complete sentence on a specific topic with supporting details. Assist in adding specific word choice/details to print rich environment (e.g. door- door knob, door frame, key hole, door mat, door hinge) Revise to add sensory language. Evaluate the draft for logical thinking and marking out repetitive text or text that is off topic. Write end punctuation marks for a variety of sentences, including periods, questions marks, and exclamation marks within his/her won writing. Publish one or more simple stories previously drafted. Refer to the classroom word wall/print rich environment to assist with common spelling patterns and conventional spelling of high frequency words. Participate in building a writing community by being a part of the Writer's Workshop routines: mini-lessons, independent practice with conferencing, and sharing. Generate Ideas while brainstorming, webbing, drawing, or through group discussion as potential topics to write about. Organize Ideas using simple webs, maps, or lists either alone or as a group as a plan for writing. Use capital letters for the pronoun 1, the	Mentor Text: Alexander and the No Good, Horrible, Very Bad Day(organizing) By Judith Viorst, Building a House (sequencing) By Byron Barton, Feathers for Lunch (labels) By Lois Ehlert, I Love You the Purplest (description) By Barbara Joosse, I/ly Little Island (description) By Frane Lessac, EXEMPLAR Text: May select CGSS exemplar text to use as a stimulus for writing. See Appendix B of CGSS Professional Text: Launching the Writing Workshop by Lucy Calkins & Leah Mermelstein
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Let's Get This Party Started!

Things to consider

1. Pacing Guide!



2. We want to make the writing personal for the students.

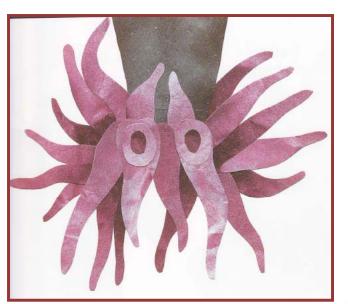
- 3. Is there anything we did in our reading that is related to a target skill/s?
- 4. What is the End Target?



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I STILL have ?????????



I know what it looks like and I know what is says, but I want to know more!

you use your way to find re a mole.

What will help me write my questions?

Ī	Animal	Body Part	Purpose
	Blue footed bo	ohy feet	dance
	Star-nosed m	ole nose	helps him get around

Detailed attributes to decorate your writing and satisfy your reader!

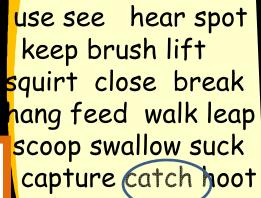
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Shape	oval	like a box	
Movement	running, hopping,	faster, slower	
or Action	flapping		
Texture	rough, lumpy	slickest, bumpier	
Number	nine	more than,fewer	
Made From	wooden, glass,	hard as a rock,	
Composition	plastic	smooth as glass	
Smell	burnt	smoky	
Taste	salty	like chips	
Location (where)	over, in front of	higher, lower, nearer	
Temperature	100°	hotter than	
Weight	ten pounds	as heavy as, the	
		lightest	
Age	five years old	older than my granny	
Direction	Left, right, up, down, backwards, sideways		
Habitat	underground, in a tree, on a pond		
Special	stripes, polka dots , knobs , buttons,		
Features			



The Sharing Hand





Strong



We STILL have questions!

Purpose
dance
helps him get around
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Detailed attributes to **decorate** your writing and **satisfy** your reader!

What do we WANT to know about?

What does a star-nosed mole eat?

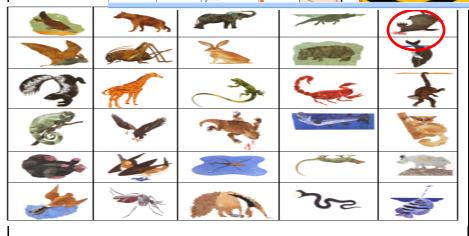
How does it catch its food?

What I about...

Detailed Attributes as big as... brown like a tree trunk Shape like a box Movement running, hopping, faster, slower or Action Texture slickest, bumpler Number more than..., fewer Made From wooden, glass, hard as a rock, Composition smooth as glass smoky salty like chips Location (where) over, in front of higher, lower, nearer as heavy as...,the

use see hear spot keep brush lift squirt close break hang feed walk leap scoop swallow suck capture catch hoot

Strong Verbs



What do I WANT to know about?	What have I LEARNED about

Today I am starting my research!

What does a star-nosed mole eat?



The star-nosed mole has 22 little "fingers" on the end of its nose. This mole spends his whole life

underground. Since its eyes are useless, it uses its nose to find its way through a maze of tunnels. The mole eats worms, snails, and insects that it finds with its nose using both the sense of smell and touch. The starnosed mole grows to be 7 inches long.



Now let's do one together!



Research Groups

- Sit together in groups by animal.
 - EX., Everyone who asked a question about the horned lizard should sit together.



- First use the research provided. Use the internet. askieves.com or any other source.
- Record your answer/s by drawing and labeling the information first.
- Everyone completes a research Sheet!
- Hold up your research and share.



Today we are going to compose our answers to our questions

What does a star-nosed mole eat?

A star-nosed mole eats things that live underground.

A star-nosed mole eats snails.

A star-nosed mole eats insects.

A star-nosed mole eats worms.

The nose uses its fingers to touch and smell them.

Detailed attributes to decorate your writing and satisfy your reader!

Detailed Attributes			
Attribute	Sample	Comparative	
Size	3 feet high	as big as	
Color	red	brown like a tree trunk	
Shape	oval	like a box	
Movement	running, hopping,	faster, slower	
or Action	flapping		
Texture	rough, lumpy	slickest, bumpier	
Number	nine	more than,fewer	
Made From	wooden, glass,	hard as a rock,	
Composition	plastic	smooth as glass	
Smell	burnt	smoky	
Taste	salty	like chips	
Location (where)	over, in front of	higher, lower, nearer	
Temperature	100°	hotter than	
Weight	ten pounds	as heavy as,the	
		lightest	
Age	five years old	older than my granny	
Direction	Left, right, up, down, backwards, sideways		
Habitat	underground, in a tree, on a pond		
Special	stripes, polka dots, knobs, buttons,		
Features			

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Single Senfence Syndrome

A star-nosed mole munches on snails.

A star nosed mole munches on insects.

A star nosed mole eats on worms.

The research says:

"The mole eats worms, snails, and insects ..."

A star-nosed mole munches on worms, snails, and insects.

A star-nosed mole eats things that live underground.

A star-nosed mole munches on worms, snails, and insects.

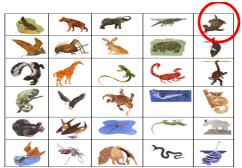
The nose uses its fingers to touch and smell them.

A star nosed mole eats things that live underground. A star-nosed mole munches on worms, snails, and insects that live underground.

The nose uses its fingers to touch and smell them.



Your Turn



Write your answer to your question.	What have we LEARNED about
What does a star-nosed mole eat?	A star-nosed mole munches on worms, snails, and insects that live underground.
How does it catch its food?	The nose uses its finger to touch and smell them.

How can the students' work be published!

- Class Book- "Our Question and Answer Book about Odd Animals" (research to answer questions) or
- An Individual Book-"Jacob's Question and Answer Book about Odd Animals"
- A Bulletin Board entitled: "Our Question and Answer Book about Odd Animals" (research to answer questions)

Teaching writing is not difficult-YOU JUST HAVE TO DO IT!

School-site Follow-up: Participants Responsibilities

- Share implementation timeline and goals of CCSS with administrators and Literacy Leadership team.
- Review new Pacing Guide and Transition Guide with all First Grade teachers.
- Share and plan with grade level peers.
- Provide support to grade level peers for implementation.





GRADE: 1 CCSS AT-A-GLANCE

READING STANDARDS for LITERATURE

Key Ideas & Details

- 1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- 2. Retell stories, include key details, and demonstrate understanding of the central message or lesson.
- 3. Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

Craft & Structure

- 4. Identify words and phrases that suggest feelings or appeal to senses.
- 5. Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information.
- 6. Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.

Integration of Knowledge & Ideas

- Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.
- or event
- 9. Compare/contrast the adventures/experiences of characters in stories.

Range of Reading and Text Complexity

10. Read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Key Ideas & Details

- 1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- 2. Identify main topic, and retell key details of a text.
- 3. Describe the connection between 2 individuals, events, ideas or pieces of information.

Craft & Structure

- 4. Ask and answers questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
- 5. Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information.
- 6. Distinguish between information provided by pictures or illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- 7. Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.
- 8. Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.
- 9. Identify the basic similarities in / differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

10. Read informational texts appropriately complex for grade 1.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Print Concepts

- Organization and basic features of print.
- **a.** Recognize features of a sentence (e.g., capitalize first word, end punctuation).

Phonological Awareness

- 2. Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables & sounds (phonemes).
 - a. Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in single-syllable words.
 - b. Produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
 - c. Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in single-syllable words.
 - d. Segment single-syllable words into their complete sequence of phonemes.

Phonics & Word Recognition

- 3. Know & apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills.
 - a. Know common consonant digraphs.
 - b. Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
 - c. Know final –e and common vowel team for representing long vowels.
 - d. Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a word.
 - e. Decode two-syllable words using basic syllable patterns
 - f. Read words with inflectional endings.
 - g. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

WRITING STANDARDS

Text Types and Purposes

- 1. Write opinion pieces introducing the topic, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide a sense of closure.
- 2. Write informative/explanatory texts naming a topic, supply some facts, and provide a sense of closure
- **3.** Write narratives recounting two or more appropriately sequenced events, including details of what happened, using temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.

Production and Distribution of Writing

- 5. Focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.
- 6. Use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- 7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to" books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).
- 8. Recall information or gather information to answer a question.

SPEAKING & LISTENING STANDARDS

Comprehension and Collaboration

- 1. Participate in collaborative conversations about topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
 - a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others, speaking one at a time about the topics).
 - b. Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments through multiple exchanges.
 - c. Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics.
- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally.
- 3. Ask and answer questions about what speaker says to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.

Presentation of Knowledge & Ideas

- 4. Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.
- Add drawings or visual to descriptions to clarify ideas, thoughts and feelings.
- 6. Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.

LANGUAGE STANDARDS

Conventions of Standard English

- 1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage.
 - a. Print all upper-and lowercase letters.
 - b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.
 - c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs(e.g., He hops; We hop)
 - d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything).
 - e. Use verbs in past, present, and future tenses (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home).
 - f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.
 - g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).
 - h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).
 - i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).
 - Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences.
- 2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
 - a. Capitalize dates and names of people.
 - b. Use end punctuation for sentences.
 - c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.
 - d. Spell for words with common spelling patterns and frequently occurring irregular words.
 - e. Spell untaught words phonetically, using phonemic awareness and

Fluency

- 4. Read grade level text with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
 - a. Read with purpose and understanding.
 - b. Read orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression
 - c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

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Vocabulary Acquisition & Use

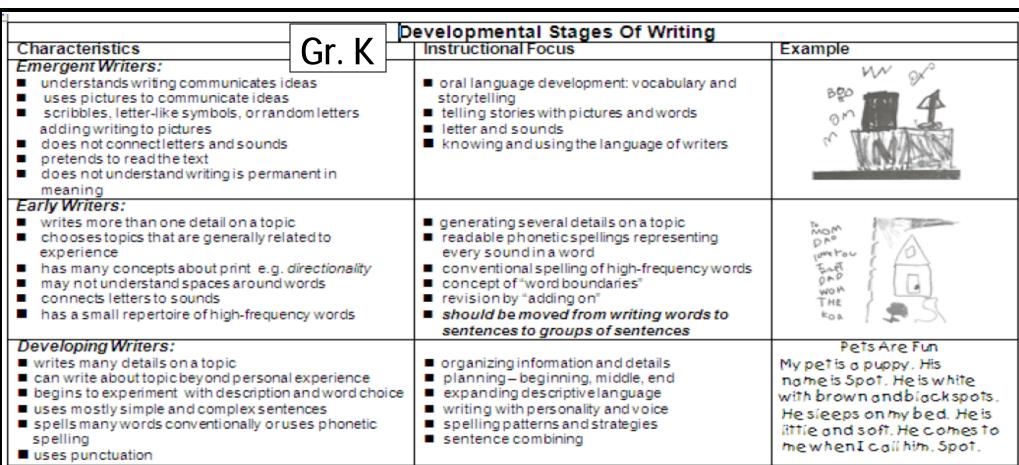
- 4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases
 - a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning.
 - b. Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.
 - c. Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., look) and inflectional forms (e.g., looks, looked, looking).
- 5. Understand word relationships and nuances in meanings.
 - a. Categorize words to gain a sense of the representation of concepts the categories.
 - b. Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., a duck is a bird that swims; a tiger is a large cat with stripes).
 - Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy).
 - d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic) by defining, choosing, or by acting out the meanings.
- 6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.

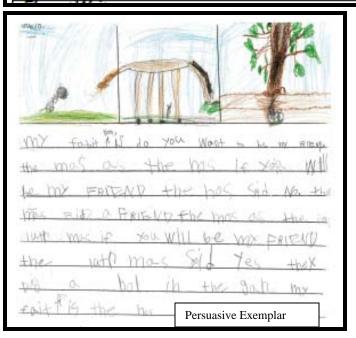
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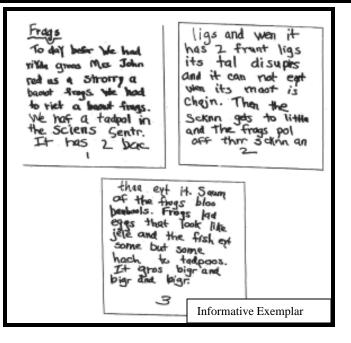
Strands	Components	Correlation within the Writing Process	Things that make you go HUM!?!	How will it impact your instruction?
Writing	Text Types & Purposes			
	Production & Distribution of Writing			
	Research to Build & Present Knowledge			
Language	Conventions			
	Vocabulary			
Print Concepts				
Speaking & Listening	Comprehension & Collaboration Presentation of Knowledge & Ideas			

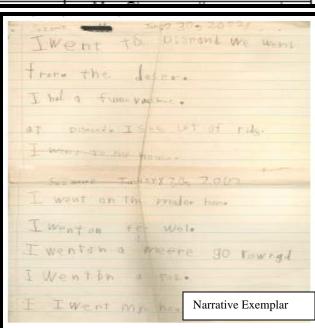
Primary Writing Rubric (for teacher purposes only NOT for the student)

Grade	e Low	Medium	High Common Core State Standards (NGSSS)	Exemplar Samples of Student Writing Common Core State Standards
K	AND orally explains the drawing/scribbles which demonstrates the student is ON-topic	Emergent Writer Characteristics: -Understands writing communicates ideas -Uses pictures -Scribbles, letter- like symbols, or random letters -Does not connect letters to sounds -Pretends to read -May randomly copy print from around the room AND orally points to letters/symbols to pretend to read the piece which demonstrates the student is ON-topic	 W.K.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: (LA.K.4.3.1) Drawing, dictating, and writing State the topic or name the book State an opinion or preference W.K.2 Informative/Explanatory: (LA.K.4.2.2) Drawing, dictating, and writing Name what they are writing about Some information on the topic W.K.3 Narrative: (LA.K.4.1.1) Drawing, dictating, and writing Single event or ordered events React to what happened L.K.2: Conventions L.K.2a: Capitalize first word in the sentence Capitalize the pronoun I (LA.K.3.4.2) L.K.2b: End punctuation (LA.K.3.4.3) L.K.2c Write a letter/s for most consonants Writes a letter for most short vowels L.K.2d Spells simple words phonetically (LA.K.3.4.1) Goal: Early Writer Characteristics More than one details on a topic Chooses topics generally related to experience Understands most print concepts May not understand spaces around words Connects letters to sounds Some high frequency words 	 W.K.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: Contains a title Sequenced picture displaying a beginning, middle, & end Names the book States an opinion or preference about the favorite part W.K.2 Informative/Explanatory: Contains a title Creates a context for writing Details about the topic containing specific words choice, number words, descriptive details, and a comparison Uses linking words Uses transitional words Sense of closure W.K.3 Narrative: Established a situation by naming a place Several linked events Events are in chronological order Provides a reaction to what happened Sense of closure





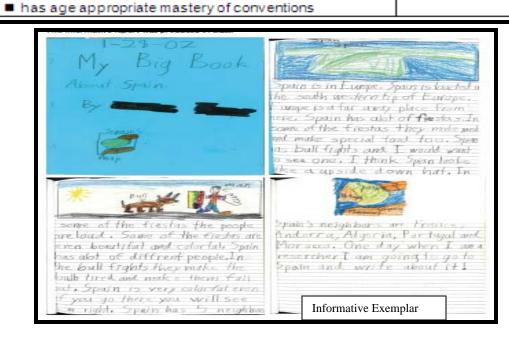


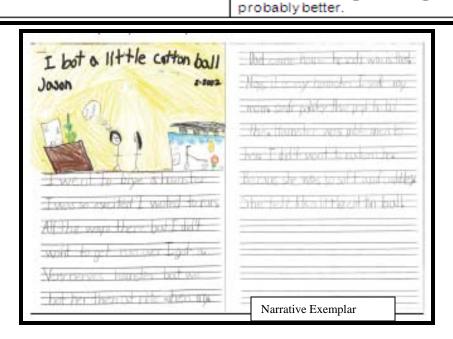


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Grade	Low	Medium	High Common Core State Standards (NGSSS)	Exemplar Samples of Student Writing Common Core State Standards
1	Draws a picture about the topic AND/OR Writes 1 sentence which demonstrates the student is ON-topic	Draws a picture about the topic AND/OR Writes 2 or more sentences BUT not a complete thought or paragraph which demonstrates the student is ON-topic	W.1.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: (LA.1.4.3.1) Introduce topic or name the book State an opinion Write a reason for the opinion Sense of closure W.1.2 Informative/Explanatory: (LA.1.4.2.2) Name a topic State facts about the topic Sense of closure W.1.3 Narrative: (LA.1.4.1.1) Two or more sequenced events Some details about what happened Temporal words to signal event order Sense of closure L.1.2: Conventions: L.1.2a: Capitalize: (LA.K.3.4.2) Dates Names of people L.1.2b: End punctuation (LA.1.3.4.6) L.1.2c Commas: (LA.1.3.4.3) Dates To separate single words in a series L.1.2d Conventional spelling: (LA.1.3.4.1) Common patterns Irregularly spelled words L.1.2e Spell untaught words phonetically Goal: Developmental Writer Characteristics -Writes many details on a topic -Can write beyond personal experience -Experiments with description & word choice -Uses mostly simple and complex sentences -Some convention spelling or inventive -Uses punctuation	W.1.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: None provided by CCSS. W.1.2 Informative/Explanatory: Contains a title Names the topic Supplies many facts about the topic Sense of closure Beginning of sentence capitalized Variety of ending punctuation Capitalizes proper nouns Labeled diagrams Pictures containing labeled maps Descriptive and sensory details Specific word choice W.1.3 Narrative: Contains a title Established the situation with the opening sentence Includes some details regarding what happened Contains feelings & indirect dialogue Descriptive and sensory word choice Uses a comparison Temporal words to signal event order Sense of closure Understands various uses of capital letters Some punctuation

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Characteristics Gr. 1	evelopmental Stages Of Writing Instructional Focus	Example
writes more than one detail on a topic chooses topics that are generally related to experience has many concepts about print e.g. directionality may not understand spaces around words connects letters to sounds has a small repertoire of high-frequency words	 generating several details on a topic readable phonetic spellings representing every sound in a word conventional spelling of high-frequency words concept of "word boundaries" revision by "adding on" should be moved from writing words to sentences to groups of sentences 	THE KOA
Developing Writers: writes many details on a topic can write about topic beyond personal experience begins to experiment with description and word choice uses mostly simple and complex sentences spells many words conventionally or uses phonetic spelling uses punctuation	 organizing information and details planning – beginning, middle, end expanding descriptive language writing with personality and voice spelling patterns and strategies sentence combining 	Pets Are Fun My pet is a puppy. His name is 5pot. He is white with brown and black spots. He sleeps on my bed. He is little and soft. He comes to me when I call him. Spot.
Fluent Writers: creates writing that has a flow and sounds fluent writes about imaginative ideas beyond personal experience prewrites using a variety of organizational and planning tools accesses a variety of text forms for different purposes uses descriptive language and complex sentences demonstrates a writer's voice appropriate to purpose and audience.	 increasing control of conventions increasing sophistication of vocabulary and sentences precise word choice energized by powerful verbs figurative language variety in text forms, audience, perspective independent revision and editing attention to writer's craft 	Mrs. Stern was the meanest teacher in the world. She never let her students go on field trips or watch videos. Worst of all, while the rest of the school had parties, we sat and worked. Work, work, work! That's all we ever did. She was also boring and wore the same jet black dress everyday. She was worse than a dragon. A dragon is





Primary Writing Rubric (for teacher purposes only NOT for the student)

High ore State Standards (NGSSS) Samples of Student Writing Common Core State Standards
M.2.1 Persuasive/ Opinion: Contains a title Introduces title with a statement straight from the book States an opinion about the book Supplies a well elaborated and extended reason Uses linking words to connect opinion to reason Uses Inking words to connect opinion to reason Uses transitional words Concluding statement Understands titles are capitalized Capitalizes pronouns & beginning of sentences Underlines title of book Mostly conventional spelling End punctuation Some commas and apostrophes W.2.2 Informative/Explanatory: None provided by CCSS. W.2.3 Narrative: Establishes setting with time and place Setting prepares for what is coming next Events sequenced in chronological order Events are well extended & elaborated Temporal words utilized to signal order Variety of details to describe actions, thoughts, &
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Characteristics Gr. 2	evelopmental Stages Of Writing Instructional Focus	Example
Developing Writers: ■ writes many details on a topic ■ can write about topic beyond personal experience ■ begins to experiment with description and word choice ■ uses mostly simple and complex sentences ■ spells many words conventionally or uses phonetic spelling ■ uses punctuation	 organizing information and details planning – beginning, middle, end expanding descriptive language writing with personality and voice spelling patterns and strategies sentence combining 	Pets Are Fun My pet is a puppy. His name is 5pot. He is white with brown and black spots. He sleeps on my bed. He is little and soft. He comes to me when I call him. Spot.
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When you go owling you don't need words, or worm or any thing, but hope. This is the book of <u>Owl Moon</u>. This book is written by Jane Yolen. I like that phrase Because The boy was happy becaus he got to go owling and hes been wonted to go owling for a long time and he finally got to go.

When other Kids are happy that makes me happy. I like it Because it makes me feel good Because you don't haft to have words to go owling but you haft to have hope to see an owl.

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Persuasive Exemplar

My first tooth is gone

I recall one winter night I was four. My sister and I were running down the hall and something happened. It was my sister and I had run right into each other. Boy! did we cry. But not only did I cry, my tooth was bleeding. Then it felt funny. Then plop! There it was lying in my hand. So that night I put it under my pillow and in the morning I found something. It was not my tooth it was two dollars. So I ran down the hall, like I wasen't supposed to, and showed my mom and dad. They were surprised because when they lost teeth

Narrative Exemplar

Conferring with Young Writers

Writing conferences are conversations between student and teacher/coach. The teacher observes and coaches in ways that either help the young writer do what the writer is trying to do better or direct him to take on new more challenging strategies.

Informal Conferences happen as the teacher roams among the students as they write.

- The Walk-By (for students who have the skill under control)
- The Stop and Go (for students who are halfway there.)

The basic principles of writing conferences:

- Listening (to what writer is trying to say)
- Affirming (what writer has done well)
- Reinforcing (the writer's strength, attempts)
- Assessing (confusions, strength, next steps)
- Teaching (what's most important for writer to move forward and only what the writer is ready for)
- Scaffolding (helping the writer say, write, and do what she can't quite do yet without help)
- Setting goals with students' input (for the writer to attempt to meet on his own, with minimal guidance and support).

The teacher's job in the writing conferences is **not** to correct a paper, but to teach a budding writer! The aim of the conference should not be to impart all of his/her knowledge, but to share **one thing** that is going to support genuine writing growth without overwhelming the student or getting behind by spending too much time with one student.



Effective Format for Conferring with Young Writers

1. SET GOAL - tell them up front what their focus is (a target skill or trait: ideas, details, beginnings, etc.).

Narrow the teaching focus to one major point.



- 2. **Student reads the piece**. When the student reads, it gives the student ownership but the teacher focuses on the message first-*content*.
- 3. REFLECT on what was heard. That becomes instant gratification for the reader. Many times the student orally fills in the gaps which can be used to add quality details. The focus should be on "How can you add them?" not "Would you like to add..."

 "HOW IS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS IN THE A TEACHER'S CONFERRING KIT!" -Jennifer Jacobson
- 4. POINT out what is going well; paying a compliment to the reader so he might repeat the success. (Read the specific sentence and comment,"It creates a wonderful picture. I can't wait to read more!)
- 5. QUESTION- to solicit more details:
 - What type of ____...
 - Is that allowed...
 - When does he...
 - What color is...

Always follow with "HOW CAN YOU ADD THOSE DETAILS?"

Teach by giving an explanation, looking at a piece of literature together, or referring back to a mini-lesson.

6. Teach One Skill- There may be students who may be ready to accelerate in skills beyond the class. Focus on ONE new skill (ex., ellipses...)

Steps 1-5 are used to teach or reteach revision techniques for developing ideas, organization, word choice, voice and sentence fluency. Understanding each of these components help the young writers know what makes good writing.

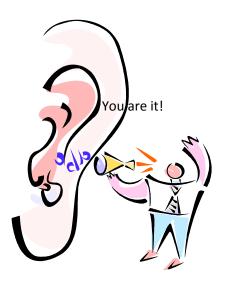
Some Additional Hints for Conferring:

- Rather than writing on a student's paper, use sticky notes.
- Rather than re-writing a whole paper to correct a lead, or concluding paragraph; cut the paper and <u>only re-write that portion</u>, stapling or gluing it to another sheet.
- During the conference, you may have the <u>student talk through what he/she</u> is going to do in his writing after the conference.
- Before the writer leaves, <u>have the writer repeat</u> what he did, said, and will do.
- Write notes on what you taught in the conference and what you learned about the student on a writing conference log. See sample conference log. This "Conference Log" is a place to jot down notes of what is discussed during an individual conference. Each student would have their own log so if you have 20 students you would need to make 20 copies of this. I would just keep it in a duo tang folder. The plus would indicate the strengths and aspect of the writer's work you praised. The minus sign notes the areas of process, product, or genre that seemed weak at the time of the conference. For the next step, make a note of what the write has states as their intended follow-up. Make a duo tang folder with 30 sheets in it. It is cheap and simple!
- Not all conferences have to be individual. If several students need the same skill, pull a small group and give a mini-lesson. <u>However, individual</u> <u>conferences are the most powerful tool for moving student writing!</u>

Co	Conference Log for					
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	next	next	next	next		
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	-	-	-	-		
	next	next	next	next		



Writing T A G





T = Tell

- ❖ I like the way you...
- I heard you say...



A = Ask a Question

- * What did you mean when you said...
- ❖ What happened before...or after...



$G = Give \ a \ Suggestion$

- * Maybe you can use a better word for...
- ❖ Tell me more about ...

Compliments

Some Positive Things to Do or Say

- Your reader will like the way you have...
- Your reader can picture...
- This piece is easy for me to read.
- How did you learn that?
- I do the same thing...
- Tell me again what happened. Did you put it down that way?
- What else do you want your reader to know?
- How did you select the topic?
- I see you have included some words from the word walls.
- I see you used...







1.



Sit like a pretzel.



Eyes on the person talking.



Ears listening.



5.





Hands in lap.



Mouths quiet.

Characteristics of: Personal Narrative Personal Expository

- Tells a personal story
- Focused on one event that appears to be significant to the writer
- Can be fictional
- Needs to include the elements of a story (characters, setting, simple plot - movement through time and change)
- Uses sensory details
- Uses feelings
- Is reflective

- Explains why, how or what
- Focused on one topic that is significant to the writer (personal or class thematic unit)
- Includes ideas that explain and support
- Uses comparisons
 - er, est
 - similes
- Uses sensory details
- Is reflective

Persuasive

- States an opinion or what you want
- Gives reasons why
- Includes people who are on your side
- Tells what you will do if you get it (If...then...)
- Tells why you should have it NOW



Detailed attributes to decorate your writing and satisfy your reader!

Detailed Attributes

Attribute	Sample	Comparative			
Size	3 feet high	as big as			
Color	red	brown like a tree trunk			
Shape	oval	like a box			
Movement	running, hopping,	faster, slower			
or Action	flapping				
Texture	rough, lumpy	slickest, bumpier			
Number	nine	more than,fewer			
Made From	wooden, glass,	hard as a rock,			
Composition	plastic	smooth as glass			
Smell	burnt	smoky			
Taste	salty	like chips			
Location (where)	over, in front of	higher, lower ,nearer			
Temperature	100°	hotter than			
Weight	ten pounds	as heavy as,the			
		lightest			
Age	five years old	older than my granny			
Direction	Left, right, up, down, backwards, sideway				
Habitat	underground, in a tree, on a pond				
Special	stripes, polka dots	s , knobs , buttons,			
Features					

Writing Pacing Guides 2011-2012 AT-A-GLANCE Grade: 1

Quarter	Topic	Week	Days	Weeks	Main Content
1	Launching	1	5	8/22-8/26	Routines: mentor text, writer's notebook, minilessons, practice, conferencing, sharing (all-year)
	Writer's Workshop	2	5	8/29-9/2	 Composing a simple narrative, expository, or persuasive piece Generating ideas Print rich environment
		3	4	9/5-9/9	Continue with weeks 1 & 2 Details/ specific word choice
		4	5	9/12-9/16	
		5	5	9/19-9/23	Continue with weeks 1-4Publish a simple narrative, expository, or
		6	4	9/26-9/30	persuasive piece composed during weeks 1-6
	Rhymes	7	5	10/3-10/7	Compose simple rhymes and/or poetryGenerate ideas
	OR Poetry	8	5	10/10-10/14	Word Choice & DetailsPrint rich environment/ word collections
		9	5	10/17-10/21	 Continue with weeks 7 & 8 Publish simple rhymes and/or poetry from weeks
		10	4	10/24-10/28	7-10

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Quarter	Topic	Week	Days	Weeks	Main Content
2	Personal	11	5	10/31-11/4	Generating ideasPlan using a three column chart to organize with
	Narrative	12	4	11/7-11/11	 a beginning, middle, and end Draft a personal narratives using the plan Narratives include a main idea, characters, sequence of events & details
		13	5	11/14-11/18	Continue with content from weeks 11 & 12 as
		14	3	11/21-11/23	needed Revised for specific word choice/ details Publish a personal narrative from weeks 11-14 with illustrations
		15	5	11/28-12/2	Generating ideasPlan using a three column chart to organize with
		16	5	12/5-12/9	 a beginning, middle, and end Draft a personal narratives using the plan Narratives include a main idea, characters, sequence of events & details
		17	5	12/12-12/16	Continue with content from weeks 15 & 16 as needed
		18	4	1/2-1/6	 Revised for specific word choice/ details Publish a personal narrative from weeks 15-18 with illustrations
		19	5	1/9-1/13	Generate ideas on what to include in friendly
	Informative Writing: Friendly Letter	20	4	1/16-1/20	letter based on audience/purpose Plan/organize ideas for friendly letter Compose a friendly letter on a topic with details Including 5 parts of a friendly letter Focus ideas for each paragraph on a single topic with relevant details Publish, illustrate, & share friendly letter

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Quarter	Topic	Week	Days	Weeks	Main Content
3	Informative Writing: Thank You Notes	21 22	4 4	1/23-1/27 1/30-2/3	 Generate ideas on what to include in a thank-you note based on audience/purpose Plan/organize ideas for a thank-you note Compose a thank-you note on a topic with relevant supporting details including the 5 parts of a thank you note Focus ideas for each paragraph on a single topic with relevant details Publish, illustrate, & share thank-you note/s
	RESEARCH	23	5	2/6-2/10	Understand text structure Plan by organizing ideas into the appropriate
	Informative Writing: Variety of Forms (Summarize)	24	5	2/13-2/17	 Frain by digalizing ideas into the appropriate graphic organizer based on text structure Write a paragraph to summarize something read or listened to based on appropriate text structure Jot a note or message making a connection (text-to-text, text-to-self, text-to-world) to what was read or listened to Work with a partner or group to create a free-form map including the title, main idea, subheadings/details, graphic organizers, illustrations, connection, summary, etc. Focus on a single idea with supporting details
	RESEARCH Informative Writing: Recording Information (lists, maps, graphs, tables, observations, etc)	25	4	2/20-2/24	 Organize ideas with a simple graphic organizer to assist with writing a summary Use a summary frame to assist in writing a summary Write an appropriate simple summary based on the text structure Participate in recording information from informational/expository texts Create lists for specific purposes Survey students in the class with a question, create a tally sheet to record results, graph the information, & discuss Create a map and include a title, labels, symbols, and a legend Word choice/ specific details
	RESEARCH	26	5	2/27-3/2	Continued from week 20
		27	5	3/5-3/9	 Poll students in class based on simple questions, take notes/record information, & organize in chart/table to interpret Construct a map dream/real classroom, home, school, or community with symbols, labels and a legend Observe, take notes in a logical format based on purpose Record information/take notes on a single idea
	RESEARCH	28	5	3/19-3/23	Write directions or instruction to explain how to

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Informative Writing: Direction/ Instructions				 do something Use a map drawn weeks 21 & 22 and write directions explaining how to get from one location to another Construct a plan & draft a 'how to' book Utilize transition words within 'how to' book Publish directions for map Publish 'how to' book on self selected topic with illustrations & share
Informative Writing: Paragraph	29	4	3/26-3/30	 Generate ideas for an "All About" topics Plan/organize ideas 'All About' a particular topic Draft an "All About" informational/expository paragraph

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4	Informative Writing: Paragraph	30	4	4/2-4/6	 Continue with previous content from week 29 Focus on one topic with a minimum of 3 relevant supporting details Utilize appropriate transitional words/phrases Combine new ideas on the same topic into separate paragraphs
		31	5	4/9-4/13	 Continue with weeks 29-30 Publish an "All About" text written between weeks 29-31
	Persuasive Writing: Explain Why	32	5	4/16-4/20	 Generate ideas on an important item/s & reasons for being important Organize ideas into a persuasive planner Draw a picture and explain why this item is important to them
33 5 4/23-4/27 • A	 Continue from week 32 Add/change specific word choice to create interest 				
		34	5	4/30-5/4	 Generate ideas on an important item/s & reasons for being important
		35	5	5/7-5/11	 Organize ideas into a persuasive planner Draw a picture and explain why this item is important to them
		36	5	5/14-5/18	 Continue from weeks 31 -36 Add/change specific word choice to create interest
		37	5	5/21-5/25	 Continue with weeks 32-36 Publish a persuasive piece written during weeks 32-36 with illustrations to explain why something is important
	Cumulative Activity: "Goodbye First Grade" Book	38	4	5/28-6/1	 Compose simple story "Goodbye First Grade" Generate ideas of what to include in the
		39	4	6/4-6/8	 "Goodbye First Grade" book Plan & organize the layout of ideas for the "Goodbye First Grade" book Draft, revise, & edit text for "Goodbye First Grade" Create interest with descriptive language and supporting details Publish "Goodbye First Grade" book so each student will have his/her own copy to take home with illustrations

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TOPIC: Launching Writer's Workshop

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Block	days	9/30/11

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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (NGSSS)	INSTRUCTIONAL ROUTINES	ESSENTIAL CONTENT	OBJECTIVES	INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS
W.1. 1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or the name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.3.1, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.2 Write informative/ explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.2.3, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. (LA.1.4.1.2, LA.1.3.1.1, LA.1.3.2.1) OR W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. AND W.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. (LA.1.3.3.1) L.1.1j Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts. (LA.1.3.4.6)	Primary Writing Folder: RESOURCES FOR EVALUATION Folder: Developmental Stages of Writing 4 Components of Effective Writing: 1. Focus 2. Organization 3. Support 4. Conventions STRATEGIES Folder: • Senses Sticks	Simple stories Choose a topic Dictating/ writing with a focus Supporting details Sensory details Add specific word choice/details to print rich environment Revising for logical thinking Delete repetitive text End punctuation Publish Print rich environment Common spelling patterns High frequency words	 Participate in writing a simple narrative, expository, or persuasive about himself/ herself. Assist in the writing process by dictating to the teacher a thought and/or complete sentence on a specific topic with supporting details. Assist in adding specific word choice/details to print rich environment (e.g. door- door knob, door frame, key hole, door mat, door hinge) Revise to add sensory language. Evaluate the draft for logical thinking and marking out repetitive text or text that is off topic. Write end punctuation marks for a variety of sentences, including periods, questions marks, and exclamation marks within his/her won writing Publish one or more simple stories previously drafted. Refer to the classroom word wall/print rich environment to assist with common spelling patterns and conventional spelling of high frequency words. Participate in building a writing community by being a part of the Writer's Workshop routines: mini-lessons, independent practice with conferencing, and sharing. Generate ideas while brainstorming, webbing, drawing, or through group discussion as potential topics to write about. Organize ideas using simple webs, maps, or lists either alone or as a group as a plan for writing Use capital letters for the pronoun I, the 	Mentor Text: Alexander and the No Good, Horrible, Very Bad Day(organizing) By Judith Viorst, Building a House (sequencing) By Byron Barton, Feathers for Lunch (labels) By Lois Ehlert, I Love You the Purplest (description) By Barbara Joosse, My Little Island (description) By Frane Lessac, EXEMPLAR Text: May select CCSS exemplar text to use as a stimulus for writing. See Appendix B of CCSS Professional Text: Launching the Writing Workshop by Lucy Calkins & Leah Mermelstein

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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (NGSSS)	INSTRUCTIONAL ROUTINES	ESSENTIAL CONTENT	OBJECTIVES	INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS
W.1.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (LA.1.3.5.1) L.1.2ba Capitalize dates and names of people. (LA.1.3.4.2). L.1.2d Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words (LA.1.3.4.1) L.1.1c Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop). (LA.1.3.4.5) RF.1.2a Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words. (LA.1.1.3.1) SL.1.6 Produce complete sentence when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 1 Language standards 1 on page 16 for specific expectations.) (LA.1.5.2.5) Civics Integration Options: SS.1.C.1.1 Explain the purpose of rules and laws in the school and community. SS.1.C.2.4 Show respect and kindness to people and animals. SS.1.C.2.4 Recognize symbols and individuals that represent American constitutional democracy.		Generate ideas Organizing ideas/topic Capital letters Subject/ verb agreement Writing phonemes heard Communicate with peers and teacher	 beginning of a sentence, names, days of the week, and months of the year. Speak /write using simple sentences where the subject and verb are in agreement within his/her own writing. Identify individual phonemes in words to transpose into print while utilizing common spelling patterns. Communicating effectively when retelling experiences to plan, draft or dictate OR when responding to other writers and receiving feedback (T- tell something you like, A- ask a question, G- give a suggestion). Civics Integration Options: Brainstorm rules to follow at school and through shared writing, write examples of how to follow those rules while in school. (All students to draw the pictures to match the rules and post). Construct a class big book on the student's rights and responsibilities in the school community. Use a three column chart to list ways to show respect and kindness to people in school, at home, and in the community and post in the classroom. Have student spend a few minutes at the beginning or end of the day on ways they showed respect and kindness to someone. (This same idea could be adapted for animals.) Through shared research, determine symbols and individuals that represent American constitutional democracy, to create a class big book (e.g., People and Things Important to America). Add a new page for each person or symbol learned about throughout the whole year. 	by Melissa Forney Marvelous Minilessons for Teaching Beginning Writing, K-3 by Lori Jamison Rog

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Planning for a Rigorous Grade 1 Reading/Language Arts Lesson				Week of:		
	LANGUA	GE ARTS Strand:	Writing & Language			
Genre: Text Types	Process:	Targeted Sk	ills:	Language	Standards	
Opinion -I think, I know -sense of closure To formation (Towns it as 1) Prewrite/Plan: List Graphic Organizer or Sketch Draft:		- Clump Details	_Sequencing (BME) Transitions-progression		Conventions _Use finger spaces _Directionality	
Informative/Expository -name topic/subject -supply information -sense of closure	Use labeled diagrams to expl Write what happened Revise Based on Questio Suggestions:	ns &Beginnings (Que. Onomatopoeia) Endings (Feeling	_Topic sentence _Beginnings (Question, Exclamation,		_ Wrapping Text _Print upper & lower case letters _End Punctuation	
Narrative - two or more appropriately sequenced events -Details of what happened -temporal to signal event order -sense of closure	_ Add another word _ Add more color to picture _ Add more information/det _ Reorder information Edit:	_Descriptive Att	ry Skills: utes-color, #, size, age, shape	beyond, toward) Composing & Expanding Simple & Compound	_Commas-dates, series _Write letter/s for consonant & short vowel sounds Capitalize: _1st word in sentence _I Spell _ simple words-common patterns & phonetically _High Frequency words	
Research: _Shared Research/Writing _Gather Info to Answer Questions	_Grammar _Conventions Publish: _ Class or individual Book _ PowerPoint /Video	-use names for _Use where or wh _Comparing; -er, _Alliteration , Rh _Sentence Variat	en phrases est , simile yming, Noise words			
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WRITER'S WORKSHOP FORMA Teacher Models Topic or Skill Thinking Sketching Talking	Teacher Models Topic or Skill:	Teacher Models Topic or Skill:	Teacher Models Topic or Skill:	Teacher Models Topic or Skill:	Teacher Models Top or Skill:	
Guided (Students Think-Sketch-Talk; Think-Pick a topic Sketch the ideas/details of topic Talk to partner about drawing & about what their writing will say.	Guided (Students Think, Sketch, Talk):	Guided (Students Think, Sketch, Talk):	Guided (Students Think, Sketch, Talk):	Guided (Students Think, Sketch, Talk):	Guided (Students Think Sketch, Talk):	
Independent Writing (teacher roams/conferences): Sharing (Students): Share writing	Independent Writing	Independent Writing	Independent Writing	Independent Writing	Independent Writing	

Sharing:

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Sharing:

Tell what their partner wrote

partner's writing

Tell what skill they were working on Give a thumbs up or compliment when they hear a target skill in their

What do I WANT to know about?	What have I LEARNED about





The *platypus*, a very unusual animal, lives in streams, ponds, and rivers in

Australia. It is a mammal, but it lays eggs. Its feet are webbed. Part of the male platypus' back legs is poisonous. This poison will not kill a person, but it will be very painful. The platypus closes its eyes under water. The platypus bill is very sensitive and helps find its prey. Then the platypus uses its bill to sift through the mud for small fish, frogs, and insects. Platypuses are usually about 20 inches long and weigh about 5 pounds.



The *hyena* is found in Africa and parts of Asia. Sometimes hyenas are

called scavengers because they eat other animals' leftovers. But sometimes they hunt. They travel in packs or groups. Together, these packs of hyenas can pull down animals much larger than themselves to eat. Hyenas can weigh up to 150 pounds. They have a very sensitive nose and can smell prey from very far away.



The African elephant is the largest land animal in the world. It can be up to 13 feet tall and weigh more than 14,000 pounds. One of the elephant's most

unusual characteristics is its long nose or trunk. The trunk can weigh 400 points and be 6 feet long. The elephant uses its trunk to breathe, pick things up, suck up and spray water, talk with other elephants, take a bath, and protect itself. The elephant's trunk has more than 100,000 muscles, but our whole bodies only have 600 muscles.



The American alligator lives in swamps and rivers in the southeastern

United States. Alligators grow to be 14 feet long and weigh up to 1,000 pounds. They eat fish, turtles, birds and other small animals. Alligators use their nose and tails to dig holes called "gator holes". These holes can be as big as swimming pools. These holes and help other animals when there has been no rain. Alligators hunt by lying quietly in the water with only their eyes and nose sticking out. When an unlucky animal gets too close, the alligator uses its powerful tail to lunge forward and grab it.



The star-nosed mole has 22 little "fingers" on the end of its nose.
This mole spends his whole life

underground. Since its eyes are useless, it uses its nose to find its way through a maze of tunnels. The mole eats worms, snails, and insects that it finds with its nose using both the sense of smell and touch. The starnosed mole grows to be 7 inches long.



You can only see the ears of the humpback whale through a small

opening in the whale's head. The humpback's hearing is very good. The whales talk to one another by singing songs. They can hear each other's songs from 100 miles away. Humpbacks are mammals. They can be 50 feet long and weigh nearly 50 tons. Humpbacks are found in all of the world's oceans.



The yellow winged bat, like all bats, makes a chirping noise as it flies. Humans cannot hear the chirping because the sound is too

high. The chirping sound echos off objects and the bats can use that sound to move in around in the dark. The echos even help the bats find and catch insects to eat. The yellowwinged bat lives in Africa. Their wings can stretch up to 14 inches.



The field cricket's ears are on its two front legs. The cricket can tell where sound is coming from by

pointing its body (and its ears) in different directions. Field crickets are about ¾ inch long and live in North America. They make a chirping sound by rubbing the edges of their wings together. The warmer the weather, the faster they chirp. You can guess the temperature by counting the number of chirps in 15 seconds and add 40. That sum will be close to the outside temperature.



The antelope jackrabbit is really a hare, which a relative of the rabbit. It has very long ears and lives in the desert. Its large ears help it stay cool.

The antelope jackrabbit eats grass and shrubs. It can grow to 2 feet in length.



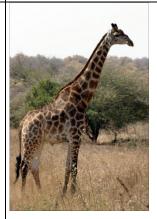
The five-lined skink has a long tail that can break off when it is attacked. When

the skink breaks off its tail, it distracts the enemies and the lizard gets away. The skink can be 5-8 inches long. It lives in the eastern United States. It eats insects and worms. Losing its tail does not hurt the lizard. It soon grows a new one.



The striped skunk is found all over North America. Like other skunks it can spray its attackers with a

rotten-smelling, eye-stinging liquid. Skunks eat everything including fish, small mammals, bird eggs, fruit and seeds. They can be longer than 2 feet and weigh up to 14 pounds. The striped skunk warns its enemy by raising its tail. If that doesn't work, it stands on its front legs, bends its back, and shoots its spray over its head. Skunk spray smells up to ten feet away.



The world's tallest animal is the *giraffe*. It lives in Africa and can grow up to 19 feet tall. The giraffe feeds on leaves at the tops of the trees in the grasslands. Other animals cannot reach these

leaves. It protects itself from enemies, like the lion, by kicking its powerful back legs. It also uses its long tail to brush flies and other insects from its back.



The scorpion is a relative of the spider. Scorpions were around when dinosaurs lived, nearly 400 million years ago. Back

then, they were close to 3 feet long. Now scorpions are only 8 ½ inches long. They live in warm weather all over the world. They eat spiders, lizards, and small mammals. They hunt at night. They find their prey by using their sense of touch. Then they use their stinger at the end of their tail to paralyze the animal so that it won't get away.



The spider monkey can use its tail like a fifth "hand". At the end of the spider monkey's tail is skin that has a special groove that helps it hold things. The

spider monkey's tail is longer than its body, which can be as tall as 2 feet. The spider monkey can hang by its tail and eat fruit, leaves and flowers.



The *chameleon* is found in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Its eyes are set very far apart. The chameleon can

move each of its eyes separately. This makes it easy to watch out for its enemies. The chameleon catches insects by quickly sticking out its tongue, which is longer than its body. The chameleon lives in the trees. It grows up to 27 inches long. It can also change the color of its skin to match its surroundings.



The bald eagle lives in North America and is the symbol of the United States. It

hunts using its sense of sight. It soars high in the air looking for rabbits, small birds, and fish. Its eyesight is 4-8 times better than a human's. The bald eagle is a large bird. Its wings can spread more than 7 feet wide. When it is diving to get food it can fly faster than 150 miles per hour. The bald eagle is not really bald. Its head is covered with white feathers.



The horned lizard is sometimes called a "horny toad". It lives in southwest America. It is small,

only 3 to 5 inches long. It is covered with sharp spikes. This lizard eats ants and other insects. It protects itself in an unusual way. First it tries to hold very still. If that doesn't work it puffs itself up with air so that it looks bigger. It that doesn't work, it will squirt blood from the corners of its eyes. The enemy gets confused and the horned lizard runs away.



In the rivers of South America lives a fish that can look above and below the water at the same

time. The four-eyed fish really only has two eyes, but each eye is divided. When it is swimming on top of the water, the top half of each eye can look up and watch out for enemies or insects to eat. The bottom half of the eye can watch out for enemies under the water. The four-eyed fish is about 10 inches long.



The bush baby lives in Africa and makes the sound of a crying baby. That is how it got its name. It is a

relative of the lemur and monkey. It lives in the trees and is a mammal. It is only about 6 to 9 inches tall and weighs less than ½ a pound. It sleeps during the day and hunts insects, lizards and mice at night. The bush baby has very large, round eyes that lets it see at night. Its eyes don't move so the bush baby has to turn its head from side to side to see.



Chimpanzees are humans' closest animal relative. They are very smart animals and live in the

forests of Africa. They are usually about 5 feet tall and weigh about 135 pounds. They have thumbs like people. They also have big toes that look that thumbs. This helps them be able to pick up things with their feet. They eat fruit, leaves, insects, and sometimes small animals.



The blue-footed booby lives on the Pacific coasts of North and South America. The only

thing they eat is fish. They are large birds with wings that can stretch to about 5 feet. When the male booby wants to impress a female, he does a fancy dance, lifting his bright blue feet one at a time. At the same time, he points his beak to the sky, spreads his wings and whistles.



The water strider is found all over the United States. It lives on calm rivers and ponds. It

is able to walk on water because at the end of its long legs it has tiny hairs that won't let it sink. The water strider's body is less than 1 inch long. It eats dead insects it finds floating on top of the water.



The archerfish hunts by looking for insects on branches hanging low over the water. When it sees a butterfly or beetle, the archerfish squirts water out of its mouth and knocks the insect

down into the water so it can be eaten. The archerfish is about 10 inches long. It can shoot water as far as 3 feet. Archerfish live in the waters from the east coast of Africa to Australia.



Geckos are noisy insecteating lizards that can walk on walls and ceilings. They are named after the unusual chirping sound

they make. The bottoms of the gecko's feet are covered with millions of tiny hairs and pads that help them cling to just about any surface – even glass. Most geckos are about 7 inches long



The mountain goat that lives in the mountains of North America is not really a goat. It is more like an

antelope. This animal is at home on very steep and rocky slopes. The mountain goat has special hooves that help it go where other animals can't. These hooves have a hard outside covering that helps them grip the rocks. They also have a pad on the bottom that keeps the mountain goat from slipping. The mountain goat can be 4 ½ feet tall and weigh nearly 300 pounds. More mountain goats are killed by rockslides and large amounts of falling snow than by their enemies.



The brown pelican is found on the coasts of North and South America. It has a large pouch of skin on the

bottom part of its bill. The pelican flies 50 to 60 feet above the water looking for fish. When it sees a school of fish, it dives into the water and opens it mouth. The pouch of skin becomes like a net and can hold up to 3 gallons of water and fish. The pelican then takes out the water and eats the fish. Brown pelicans are large birds that can grow to be up to 4 ½ feet long.



The *tiny mosquito* is the animal most dangerous to humans. This insect can spread deadly

diseases as it sucks blood. The mosquito has a nose like a needle. It uses its needlelike nose to stab the skin of people and animals. Then it sucks blood through a hollow tube in its nose. We itch after being bitten by a mosquito because it leaves behind chemicals.



The *giant*anteater lives
in Central and
South
America. It
eats mostly

termites, not ants. It can eat up to 30,000 termites in a day. The giant anteater can be 8 feet long and weigh 100 pounds. It has a long mouth shaped like a tube. It does not have any teeth. Its tongue is 2 feet long. It uses its sticky tongue to catch insects.



The egg-eating snake has jaws that can unhook and skin that is like elastic. That is how it can eat

eggs that are wider than its body. It may take a snake many hours to swallow an egg. It has no teeth but breaks the egg with a special bone in its throat. This African snake will eat as many eggs as it can then go without food for the rest of the year. It grows to about 2 ½ feet long.