

## WORD CHOICE

Students use descriptive and interesting words and phrases to create pictures in the mind of the reader.



## VOICE

Students' writing shows evidence of the author's style, personality, feelings, and experience. The writing includes expressive words and/or pictures.



*It was recess time—my favourite time of the day!*

## SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Students use a variety of sentence structures, lengths, and beginnings.

## CONVENTIONS

### ⇒ Spelling

- \*High-frequency words
- \*Strategies for less familiar words

### ⇒ Capitalization

### ⇒ Grammar

### ⇒ Punctuation

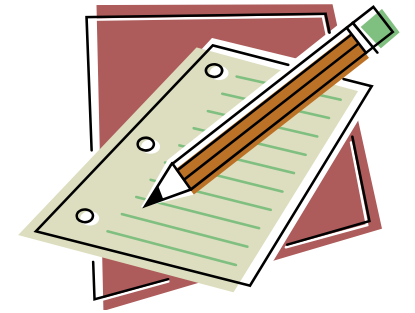
- \*Ending punctuation
- \*Punctuation within sentences

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Vision: To provide students with essential knowledge and skills to become the leaders of tomorrow



# Writing Forms, Steps, and Traits

## WRITING STEPS



**Pre-writing:** Students come up with ideas for a topic, a form, and organization.



**First copy:** Students get their ideas down on paper.



**Edit/revise:** Students make changes to their original writing.



**Proofreading:** Students go through their writing to correct all errors.



**Publishing:** Students create a final copy meant to be shared with others.

## WRITING FORMS

**Persuasive Writing:** Students write to convince someone to do something or to think in a particular way.

**Explanatory Report:** Students write to tell how/why something came to be or to explain how something works.

**Recount:** Students write to tell about past events (personal or others' experiences.)

**Descriptive Report:** Students write to describe a topic.

**Instructions/Procedures:** Students write to tell how to do something.

**Narrative:** Students write to entertain with an imaginative experience.

**Poetry**

**Letters**

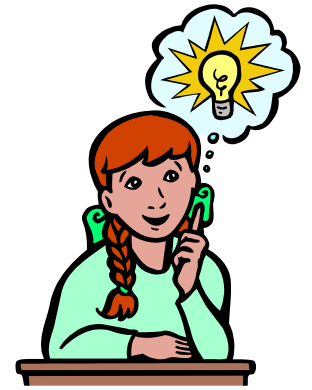
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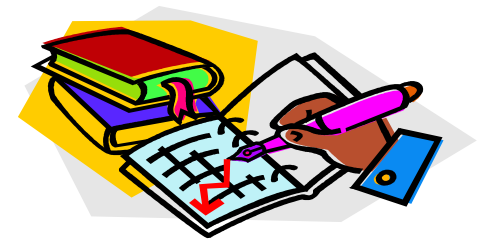
## THE SIX TRAITS

### CONTENT

Students choose a single overall topic, maintain focus on the topic, and provide details related to the topic.



### ORGANIZATION



Students choose a structure and form for their writing, depending on the audience and the purpose of the writing.