Linnaeus W. West Elementary School In-Service Project: Flowchart of The Writing Process (Oct. 11, 2002)

The Writing Process	Kindergarten .	Grade I	Grade 2	Grade 3
Pre- Writing	 Use literature or classroom experiences to generate ideas or theme. Model how to draw pictures and add details, choose colors. 	 Use literature to generate ideas. Whole group brainstorming Lists, graphic organizers Drawing pictures & looking at commercial pictures to generate ideas & write a sentence. 	 Use literature to generate ideas. Brainstorm ideas on own or w/peers. Prepare list of topics. Graphic organizer (model or student generated) Establish focus & plan. 	 Use literature to generate ideas. Brainstorming Graphic Organizer (choosing & using with confidence) → Identify beginning, middle, & end. Making a plan.
Drafting	 Create illustration: Detail Background (setting) Color Language: "Tell me about it." Sentence starters → Complete sentence. "I see" "I like" Use alphabet chart, word wall, & pictionaries. 	 Modeling Writing together Generate sentences related to a drawing or picture. Write several related sentences based on a chosen topic. Students re-read to remember what you are writing 	 Modeling Writing together Develop idea → multiple sentences paragraph (at least 5 sentences). Re-reading composed paragraph to make sure it makes sense. 	 Modeling Writing together More than one paragraph by end of year. Putting ideas (from graphic organizer) into sentences. Generating intro sentence and closing sentence. Re-reading composed paragraph to make sure it makes sense.
Revising	 "Do your ideas match the picture?" Add more details. Incorporate teacher suggestions. Refer students to Word Wall 	 ► Students re-read to ✓ check for meaning ► Add details. ► Add juicy words. ► Sequence ideas correctly. ► Ask: ✓ "Does your sentence match the picture?" ✓ "Does it make sense?" 	 Re-read/revise with peer or teacher Rearrange words. Word choice - replace "the good, the bad, & the ugly" words Attempts to use interesting words. Add at least 2 details. Editor asks: "Do your ideas fit and match?" "Does it have a beginning, a middle, and an end?" 	 Writer revisits work for content, organization, and word choice. Teacher or Peer Conference Use word banks, thesaurus, dictionary, and high-frequency word list - for word meaning and/or word choice.
Editing	 Correct or add to illustrations. Check spacing between words. Check ending punctuation (periods). Check spelling of sight words and words on the Word Wall 	 ► Students re-read to ✓ check for mechanics. ► Capitalization (beginning of sentence, I, proper names) ► Ending punctuation (period, question mark, exclamation point) ► Spelling of sight words (word wall, pictionary, environmental print) ► Using lowercase letters where appropriate ► Space between words 	 Capitalization (beginning of sentence, I, proper names, months, days, holidays, special places) Ending punctuation Spelling: grade-level expectations & best student ability. (use word banks) Space between words 	 Capitalization (beginning of sentence, titles, all proper nouns) Punctuation: ending of sentence, commas (list, numbers, friendly letter, date) Apostrophes: contractions (fall), possessives (spring) Quotations for dialogue (for some students by end of year) Use multiple sources for spelling (word wall, dictionary, other books) Finger spacing between words
Publishing	 Story/Picture Journals Class books Typing simple stories on computer 	Occasional re-copying or typing on computer (final copy)	 Publish for specific audience. Minimal errors when recopying or typing selected pieces. Illustrations 	 Letter size, Letters on the line Indenting & margins (how to structure the paragraph) Cursive (by end of year) Minimal errors when recopying or typing the final copy (for every piece student takes through the writing process).

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	Kindergarten	Grade I	Grade 2 Fall	Grade 2 Spring	Grade 3 Fall	Grade 3 Spring
Student Checklist	Rainbow Colors Classroom Poster: Did I write my name? Did I write on the lines? Did I make spaces? (between words) Did I use punctuation? (.?!) Did I add color, detail, and setting? (to picture) Did I do my best?	I re-read my work checking for ✓ A capital at the beginning of each sentence. ✓ Ending marks at the end of each sentence. ✓ A finger space between each word. ✓ The word "I" is a capital. ✓ Names begin with a capital letter. ✓ Lowercase letters within words and sentences. ✓ Does it make sense?	I re-read my work checking for ✓ A capital at the beginning of each sentence ✓ A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence. ✓ A finger space between each word. ✓ The word "I" is a capital. ✓ People names begin with a capital. ✓ Correct spelling from my word bank.	I re-read my work checking for ✓ A capital at the beginning of each sentence ✓ A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence. ✓ A finger space between each word. ✓ The word "I" is a capital. ✓ Proper nouns begin with a capital. ✓ Correct spelling from my word bank. ✓ Juicy words ✓ Different kinds of sentences. ✓ Good title	I re-read my work checking for ✓ A capital at the beginning of each sentence ✓ A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence. ✓ A finger space between each word. ✓ The word "I" is a capital. ✓ Proper nouns begin with a capital. ✓ Correct spelling from my word bank. ✓ Juicy words ✓ Different kinds of sentences. ✓ Good title	I re-read my work checking for ✓ A capital at the beginning of each sentence ✓ A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence. ✓ Commas in dates and friendly letters ✓ Apostrophes for contractions (don't = do not) ✓ A finger space between each word. ✓ The word "I," proper nouns, and titles begin with a capital. ✓ Correct spelling from my word bank, dictionary, thesaurus, or high frequency word list ✓ Juicy words ✓ Different kinds of sentences. ✓ Good title ✓ First line in each paragraph is indented. ✓ Left margin of each paragraph is a straight edge.
Teacher Checklist	✓ Letter formation ✓ High frequency word usage ✓ Attempts phonetic and conventional spelling	✓ Edit for spelling words and sight words using word wall, word bank, and pictionary ✓ Edit for sound-letter correspondence (Does it look right?)	✓ Sentence sense	✓ Do sentences relate to topic? ✓ Variety of sentences	✓ Capitals at the beginning of words in a title ✓ Commas for dates & friendly letter ✓ Apostrophes for contractions ✓ Conventional spelling for words the student has access to (using word bank, high-frequency word list, words that are on the page or in the question) ✓ Indenting ✓ Margins	 ✓ Commas for lists ✓ Apostrophes for possessives ✓ Quotations for dialogue (for some students) ✓ Conventional spelling for all words except the risk-taking words that are extra-juicy (using dictionaries)

LWW Kindergarten Writing Rubric

	ORGANIZATION	WORD CHOICE SENTENCE FLUENCY	CONVENTIONS
4	 Writes first and last name. Writes a sentence from left to right that matches the picture or topic. 	 Expresses main idea of picture or story. Begins to expand the sentence by using descriptive words or a second sentence. 	 Uses high-frequency words within writing. Demonstrates use of capitals and lowercase letters, and punctuation.
3	 Writes first name with a capital letter followed by lowercase letters. Writes words left to right, top to bottom, using letter-sound correspondence. 	Writes simple phrases with phonetic spelling to match details in picture.	 Demonstrates phonetic spelling within words using a combination of letters. Demonstrates knowledge of spatial concepts.
2	 Writes own name in top left corner. Labels picture story using matching sounds. 	 Adds details to ideas expressed in pictorial form. Writes label on picture or attempts phonetic spelling in writing. 	 Letter-sound correspondence is evident.
1	Prints nameScribble writing or random letters.	 Expresses an idea in pictorial form. Letters used may not have correlation with story. 	Uses picture, scribble, or random letter writing.

LWW First Grade Writing Rubric

	ORGANIZATION	WORD CHOICE	SENTENCE FLUENCY	CONVENTIONS
4	 Organizes logical thoughts Develops topic using details 	Uses descriptive and expressive languageCreative use of language	 Varies sentences (beginning, length, structure) 	 Consistently uses capitals and ending marks correctly Makes few spelling errors Uses resources to find correct spellings
3	Uses logical thoughtSticks to topicSome details	 Uses age-appropriate language Uses complete sentences to express ideas 	 Self-corrects grammar when prompted to reread Sentence consists of a complete thought 	 Uses capitals Uses periods Spelling does not interfere with communication Spells basic sight words correctly Vowels appear in words
2	 Needs some assistance with logical thought Simple sentences related to topic/picture 	Uses repetitive words or phrases	Writes a simple sentence. Some words are omitted, but meaning is clear	 Uses left to right progression Uses word spacing Spells some sight words correctly Uses inventive spelling with sounds
1	Needs supervision to develop logical thoughtLabels pictures	Needs assistance to choose appropriate words	Sentence meaning unclear	Uses random capitalsUses some beginning consonant sounds

Scoring Rubric for Second Grade Writing Samples

	ORGANIZATION	WORD CHOICE	SENTENCE FLUENCY	CONVENTIONS
4	 Develops topic in an interesting imaginative way Demonstrates a logical plan of organization and coherence in development of ideas 	 Appropriate descriptive language is used on consistent basis Writing contains unique ideas 	 Uses sentence variety to enhance writing Sentence expansion is apparent 	 Uses correct punctuation (.!?) Attempts to use "" and comma Uses capitalization appropriately Makes few spelling errors
3	Develops topic using an acceptable plan of organization	Uses appropriate language and some descriptive language	 Uses some sentence variety, demonstrates ability to express own idea Attempts sentence expansion 	 Makes few punctuation errors Makes few capitalization errors Spelling errors do not interfere with communication
2	Begins to use complete thoughts and sentences relating to topic	 Occasionally uses inappropriate or incorrect language The writing is clear but lacks original thought 	 Words are grouped into thoughts and sentences using sequence Repetitive use of sentences 	 Punctuation errors may interfere with communication Makes some capitalization errors Spelling errors may interfere with communication
1	Writes a story that may not be in complete thoughts, topics may digress	Writing unclear	 Demonstrates a lack of sentence sense Run-on or fragmented sentences may be used Frequently uses inappropriate or incorrect grammar 	 Does not attempt to use punctuation or uses it incorrectly Makes many capitalization errors Spelling errors seriously interfere with communication

LWW Third Grade Writing Rubric

	ORGANIZATION	CONTENT/IDEAS	WORD CHOICE	CONVENTIONS	PRESENTATION
4	 Clear beginning, middle, and end. The end ties back to the beginning. If there is a sequence of events, all of the events are in a logical order. 	 Topic is clearly defined, and developed in an interesting and imaginative way. Well-developed supporting details 	 A variety of "transitional words" are used, and all are used effectively. Uses many "juicy" words, and all are used correctly. 	All capitals, punctuation, grammar, and spelling are correct.	 First line of each paragraph is indented, and all other lines make a straight edge. Handwriting is very neat, and there is space between words.
3	 Clear beginning, middle, and end. If there is a sequence of events, most of the events are in order 	Topic is clearly defined.Some supporting details.	 A few "transitional words" are used. All are used effectively. A small number of juicy words are used. All are used correctly. 	 Most capitals, punctuation, grammar, and spelling are correct. 	 First line is indented, but other lines do not make a straight edge. Handwriting is readable but could be neater. There is space between words.
2	 Attempts a beginning, middle, and end. If there is a sequence of events, there is an attempt to put them in order. 	 Attempt to define the topic. Attempts supporting details 	 Some "transitional words" are used. Not all are used effectively. Some juicy words are used correctly. 	 Some capitals, punctuation, grammar, and spelling are correct. 	 First line is not indented. Other lines make a straight left edge. Handwriting is sloppy. There is space between words.
1	 The beginning, middle, and end are unclear or non-existent. If there is a sequence of events, there is no attempt to put them in order. 	Lack of topicNo supporting details	 No attempt at using "transitional words." No attempt at juicy words. 	 Writing is difficult to read due to a lack of capitals, punctuation, grammar, and/or spelling. 	 First line is not indented. Lines do not make a straight left edge. No space between words, or handwriting is difficult to read.

	Grade 3 Fall Editing Checklist
Ire	e-read my work checking for
	A capital at the beginning of each sentence
	A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.
	A finger space between each word.
	The word "I" is a capital.
	Proper nouns begin with a capital.
	Juicy words
	Different kinds of sentences.
	Good title
	Correct spelling from my word bank.

	Grade 3 Spring Editing Checklist				
l re	I re-read my work checking for				
	A capital at the beginning of each sentence				
	A punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.				
	Using commas in dates and friendly letters				
	Apostrophes for contractions (don't = do not)				
	A finger space between each word.				
	The word "I," proper nouns, and titles begin with a				
	capital.				
	Juicy words				
	Different kinds of sentences.				
	Good title				
	Correct spelling from my word bank, dictionary,				
	thesaurus, or high frequency word list				
	First line in each paragraph is indented.				
	Left margin of each paragraph is a straight edge.				