

Grade 1 Writing Rubric

Rubric Score		Below Grade Level Standards 2	Approaching Grade Level Standards 4	Meets Grade Level Standards 6	Above Grade Level Standards 8
Genre	Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Story structure (plot, character, setting) and story organization not apparent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequately developed story structure Writing may be a listing of facts/details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequately developed story structure (plot, character, and setting) Story organization is apparent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully developed story structure. Elaborates on plot, characters, and setting Logical story organization throughout
	Rubric Score	1	2	3	4
Conventions	Mechanics: • Capitalization • Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rarely capitalizes the first word of a sentence, names of people, and the pronoun, <i>I</i> Uses labels/strings of words Minimally uses end punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistently capitalizes the beginning of sentences, names of people, and the pronoun <i>I</i> Uses fragments or run-ons Inconsistently uses end punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capitalizes the beginning of sentences, most people's names, and the pronoun <i>I</i> Uses complete sentences Consistently uses end punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistently capitalizes the beginning of sentences, names of people, and the pronoun <i>I</i> correctly Uses varied sentence patterns Correctly uses periods, exclamation points, and question marks
	Grammar and Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal awareness of standard usage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent standard usage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in subject-verb agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly uses subject-verb agreement
	Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most words misspelled Mainly uses invented spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many words misspelled Uses sound spelling as primary strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most words spelled correctly Uses phonetically correct sound spellings for misspelled words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spells three- and four-letter, short-vowel words and grade-level appropriate sight words correctly
	Penmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not print upper and lower case letters legibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prints some upper and lower case letters legibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prints all upper and lower case letters legibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prints upper and lower case letters legibly with correct form, size, and placement
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Writing Traits	Ideas/Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal content included, and/or off topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content's main idea understandable Little or no detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content's main ideas understandable with general details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content exceptionally focused. Main ideas well developed with strong supporting details Uses descriptive language and sensory details