

Writing Traits



Ideas

- start with original and interesting ideas
- express ideas using clear and effective language
- add details and examples that support the main points



Organization

- structure writing logically, with a clear beginning, middle, and end
- model well-organized writing through the use of paragraphs and transitions
- teach text structures



Voice

- show your personality in your writing
- encourage individual thoughts, feelings, and perspectives
- help students find their 'writing' voice
- encourage experimentation with different styles and tones



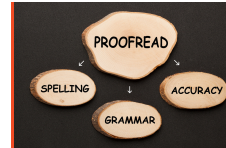
Word Choice

- select appropriate and precise words
- use words to communicate ideas and create vivid imagery
- expand students' vocabulary through reading, writing, and word study activities



Sentence Fluency

- sentences have rhythm and flow
- use of a variety of sentence lengths
- use of clear and interesting written sentences
- provide descriptive feedback and coaching



Conventions

- rules and mechanics of writing, including grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage.
- explicitly taught through phonics instruction, mini-lessons, coaching, and editing exercises

Presentation



- time to celebrate the learning that has taken place throughout the writing process.
- sharing the process &/or product through printed copies, digital presentations, reading aloud, ect.,