

Dear Parents,

Writing is the most challenging task we ask Kindergarteners to do. As such, although the daily Writing process is a “routine”, perfection is NOT the goal. Let your child lead. The information below is for you. They will be able to show you what they know and where they are. Writing should never be a stressful task. All attempts at writing are to be celebrated! Natural growth will happen with practice.

Kindergarten Teachers

### Writing in Kindergarten

At this time of the year, students in Kindergarten may be able to write independently for up to 15/20 minutes.

- **Students have been taught the following process:**
  1. Think of an idea you would like to write about. \*Popular topics include: fun things I do or would like to do, my pets, my friends, my family, fiction/imagination
  2. Do a quick sketch of your drawing (should take around 5 minutes so that it includes details)
  3. Say your sentence(s) out loud and count the words. \*repeat as needed while writing to remember which word comes next.
  4. Begin to write the words. Start on the left side of the paper and move right. Try to put a space between each word (we call them finger spaces).
  5. Try to sound out each word – listen for a beginning, middle and ending sound. Ex: Park can be spelled prk or prc. Tiger can be spelled tgr or tigr.
  6. Put a stop mark (.!?) at the end of the sentence.
  7. Colour your picture (if you want to).
  8. Read your story to someone.

## **\*Important Notes\***

- If your child is struggling to write a sentence, they can label their picture instead.
- Students may still be using a mix of lowercase and uppercase letters. You can point out how only the letter at the beginning of the first word in the sentence needs a capital. However, it is not necessary, at this point, to have your child go back to fix each letter.
- It is not advised to correct *inventive* spelling. If your child misses a sound(s) in a word or inserts a sound that cannot be heard, that is okay. It is also okay if 'c' is used in place of 'k' or vice versa.
- Children should be encouraged to spell their 13 sight words correctly.
- Sharing and celebrating stories is a very important part of the writing process. Stories should be shared, and much praise should be given to your child. Writing is a very challenging task for kindergarteners, incorporating a wide array of challenging tasks.  
**In this early stage of learning, *all attempts at writing are valuable and important* to your child's skill development!**