TK Learning Progression for Writing by Trimester

For Trimesters 1 & 2, these are the "expected growth" benchmarks. If students are meeting the benchmark, start working on the next trimester's expectations.

1st Trimester: Narrative	2nd Trimester: Informative	3rd Trimester: Opinion
 The writer told and drew a story with pictures that convey a meaning and some "writing." Writing may include_letter strings, scribbles, mock letters, and/or copied words from the environment (see Stages below). Stages 1-4 of Evolution of Child's Writing The writer started by drawing or saying something. The writer kept on working. The writer's story stays on topic. 	 The writer told and drew pictures with some detail about a topic she knew and some "writing." Writing includes beginning sounds and some sight words. Stages 5-8 of Evolution of Child's Writing The writer orally stated what her topic was. The writer kept on working. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" all he could about his topic. 	 The writer told about something he liked or disliked with elaborate pictures and some "writing." Writing includes beginning and ending sounds and some sight words. Stage 9 of Evolution of Child's Writing (Stages 10-12 are advanced) The writer orally stated her opinion. The writer kept on working. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" all he could about his opinion.
 Development The writer put more and then more on the page. In the writer's story, she told and showed what happened. 	 Development The writer put more and then more on the page. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" things she knew about the topic. 	 Development The writer put more and then more on the page. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" some things about what she liked and did not like.

Language Conventions

- The writer could orally dictate his pictures
- The writer tried to make "words." (stages 1-4)
- The writer could write her name.

Language Conventions

- The writer could orally dictate his pictures and some of his "words."
- The writer made "words." (stages 5-8)
- The writer could label pictures (first sound).
- The writer could write her name legibly.

Language Conventions

- The writer could read his pictures and some of his "words."
- The writer made "words." (stage 9)
- The writer could label pictures (first and last sound).
- The writer could write her name correctly with one capital at the beginning.

Total writing time <u>by end of Tri 1</u>: **30-45 min.**

- 10-15 min. mini lesson
- 15-25 min. independent writing time
- 5 min. share

Total writing time <u>by end of Tri 2</u>: **35-50 min.**

- 10-15 min. mini lesson
- 20-30 min. independent writing time
- 5 min. share

Total writing time <u>by end of Tri 3</u>: **45-60 min.**

- 10 min. mini lesson
- 30-45 min. independent writing time
- 5 min. share

Management Tips:

- Writing folders with alphafriends and sight words on front and back
- Individual file holders with writing folders and mentor texts
- Ziplock bags to store their books
- Once a month, have students choose their favorite piece of writing to "publish." Collect these for Open House.
- At the beginning of the year, have them draw a picture of him/herself and write their name.

TK Learning Progression for Writing (TRIMESTER 1)

TK TRI 2	Meets Standard	Strengths/	Area(s) of	Next Steps for
Progression		Expected Growth	Concern	Teaching
In addition to the criteria for proficient, one or more of the following are evident: Stages 5-8 of Evolution of Child's Writing	 The writer told and drew a story with pictures that convey a meaning and some "writing." Writing may include_letter strings, scribbles, mock letters, and/or copied words from the environment (see Stages below). Stages 1-4 of Evolution of Child's Writing The writer started by drawing or saying something. 			
	 The writer kept on working. The writer's story stays on topic. Development The writer put more and then more on the page. In the writer's story, she told and showed what happened. Language Conventions The writer could orally dictate his pictures The writer tried to make "words." (stages 1-4) The writer could write her name. 			

TK Learning Progression for Writing (TRIMESTER 2)

TK TRI 3 Progression	Meets Standard	Strengths/ Expected	Area(s) of Concern	Next Steps for Teaching
		Growth		
In addition to the criteria for proficient, one or more of the following are evident: Stage 9 of Evolution of Child's Writing	 The writer told and drew pictures with some detail about a topic she knew and some "writing." Writing includes beginning sounds and some sight words. Stages 5-8 of Evolution of Child's Writing The writer orally stated what her topic was. The writer kept on working. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" all he could about his topic. Development The writer put more and then more on the 			
	 page. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" things she knew about the topic. Language Conventions The writer could orally dictate his pictures and some of his "words." The writer made "words." (stages 5-8) The writer could label pictures (first sound). The writer could write her name legibly. 			

TK Learning Progression for Writing (TRIMESTER 3)

K Progression	Meets Standard	Strengths/ Expected Growth	Area(s) of Concern	Next Steps for Teaching
In addition to the criteria for proficient, one or more of the following are evident: Stages 10-12 of Evolution of Child's Writing	 The writer told about something he liked or disliked with elaborate pictures and some "writing." Writing includes beginning and ending sounds and some sight words. Stage 9 of Evolution of Child's Writing (Stages 10-12 are advanced) The writer orally stated her opinion. The writer kept on working. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" all he could about his opinion. 			
	 Development The writer put more and then more on the page. The writer said, drew, and "wrote" some things about what she liked and did not like. 			
	 Language Conventions The writer could read his pictures and some of his "words." The writer made "words." (stage 9) The writer could label pictures (first and last sound). The writer could write her name correctly with one capital at the beginning. 			