

Appendix

Qualities of Good Writing

Ideas

- Clarity
- Focus – a small, easy to manage topic
- Good information – from experience, imagination or research
- A fresh perspective
- Important, helpful details that go beyond the obvious

Organization

- An interesting lead that gets the reader’s attention
- Order and logic
- Clear connections to a main idea
- In tech or business writing – gets to the point
- Easy to follow – but not too predictable
- A graceful ending – does not just stop

Voice

- Has the mark of this particular writer
- Brings the topic to life
- Is appropriate for the audience, topic, purpose
- Shows conscious concern for reader’s interests, informational needs

Word Choice

- Strong verbs, precise nouns – no modifier overload
- Word pictures
- “Just right” language – suits the topic, the audience, the purpose
- Simple language used well – not written to impress
- Minimal redundancy
- Technical terms defined as needed

Sentence Fluency

- Rhythmic
- Easy to read aloud – inviting
- Varied sentence length – some long, some short
- Purposeful sentence beginnings: now, after a while, because of this, nevertheless, as a result, consequently, however, therefore

Conventions

- Looks clean, edited, proofread
- Easy to decode and follow – conventions enhance meaning
- No big, glaring errors that distract the reader or distort the message
- Examples include proper spelling on simple words, punctuation correct, paragraphs for new topics, capitals on all proper nouns and sentence beginnings

Other Learning Opportunities

Career Awareness – Your child will become aware of many careers through the core curriculum. Some of the ways teachers may connect learning with careers include field trips, assemblies, classroom guest speakers, school business partnerships, and Junior Achievement.

Technology Literacy – Technology literacy includes learning to use a computer both for communication and to get information. Other kinds of technology your child may learn about include transportation, construction, and agriculture.

Library Resources – Your child will have access to a variety of library learning materials, both print and non-print. Every elementary school has a librarian to assist and teach students.

Elementary Schools

Abbott Loop	742-5400
Airport Heights	742-4550
Alpenglow	742-3300
Aurora	753-6223
Baxter	742-1750
Bayshore	349-1514
Bear Valley	742-5900
Birchwood ABC, K-8	742-3450
Bowman	345-8110
Campbell	742-5560
Chester Valley	337-9502
Chinook	742-6700
Chugiak Elementary	742-3400
Chugach Optional	742-3730
College Gate	742-1500
Creekside Park	742-1550
Denali	742-4500
Eagle River	742-3000
Fairview	279-0671
Fire Lake	742-3350
Girdwood	742-5300
Government Hill	742-5000
Homestead	742-3550
Huffman	742-5650
Inlet View	277-7681
Kasuun	349-9444
Kincaid	245-5530
Klatt	522-1080
Lake Hood	245-5521
Lake Otis	277-3536

Mt. Iliamna	753-8235
Mt. Spurr	753-9225
Mt. View	742-3900
Muldoon	742-1460
North Star	742-3800
Northern Lights ABC	563-2439
Northwood	742-6800
Nunaka Valley	333-6511
O'Malley	742-5800
Ocean View	742-5850
Orion	753-2151
Ptarmigan	337-9589
Rabbit Creek	742-5700
Ravenwood	742-3250
Rogers Park	742-4800
Russian Jack	742-1300
Sand Lake	243-2161
Scenic Park	742-1650
Spring Hill	742-5450
Susitna	742-1400
Taku	349-4453
Trailside	742-5500
Tudor	742-1050
Turnagain	243-3226
Tyson, William	258-0018
Ursa Major	742-1600
Ursa Minor	428-1311
Williwaw	742-2000
Willow Crest	742-1000
Wonder Park	337-1569
Wood, Gladys	742-6760

Middle Schools

Central Middle School of Science	742-5100
Clark Middle School	742-4700
Goldenview Middle School	348-8626
Gruening Middle School	742-3600
Hanshew Middle School	349-1561
Mears Middle School	349-3332
Mirror Lake Middle School	742-3500
Romig Middle School	274-0541
Wendler Middle School	742-7300

High Schools

Bartlett High School	742-1820
Chugiak High School	742-3050
Dimond High School	742-7000
East High School	742-2100
Service High School	742-8100
West High School	274-2502

Alternative Schools

AK State School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing	742-4243
Alternative Career Education	742-3950
AVAIL 9-12	742-4930
Benson Secondary, 7-12	337-1600
King Career Center, 11-12	742-8900
McLaughlin Secondary 7-12	742-1120
Polaris K-12 School	742-8700
SAVE High School, 9-12	742-1250
Steller Secondary, 7-12	742-4950
Whaley School	742-2350

Charter Schools

Aquarian Charter, K-6	742-4900
Family Partnership Charter, K-12	742-3700
Village Charter, K-8	742-3728

Curriculum Area Contacts

Art	742-4845
Assessment & Evaluation	742-4425
Bilingual/Multicultural Education	742-4452
Career Technology	742-8942
Health/Physical Education	742-4853
Indian Education	742-4443
Literacy	742-4852
Mathematics	742-4840
Migrant Education	742-4280
Music	753-0350
Science	742-4854
Slingerland	742-4880
Social Studies	742-4839
World Languages	742-4848

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