

St. Francis de Sales Kindergarten Writing Benchmarks 2023-2024

**The Benchmarks are expected to be achieved by the end of Kindergarten*

Kindergarten Writing Benchmarks Across All Genres

By the end of Kindergarten students should be able to :

- Follow grade appropriate capitalization rules - start a sentence with a capital letter and capitalize names (Approaching)
- Print all upper and lowercase letters correctly (Master)
- Use appropriate spacing between words and write words on lines (Approaching)
- Use grade appropriate end punctuation such as periods and question marks (Approaching)
- Compose two complete sentences (Master)
- Expand writing from two sentences to four sentences. (Approaching)
- Begin to demonstrate an understanding of the four major genres of writing (Approaching)
- Use trick “sight” words in writing (Master)
- Use 1-2 descriptive words to enhance sentence composition (Introducing)
- Use transition words (Introducing)
- Spell words phonetically (Introducing)

Response to Literature	Opinion/Persuasive	Informational	Narrative
<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a response to a text or an author ● respond to a question or prompt about a text 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● give one opinion ● give two reasons to support that opinion 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● write two to four sentences of information ● Name what they are writing about and supply details/ information about the topic ● use a text to get two details to support the topic ● complete a topic statement with assistance from a sentence starter 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● choose an event ● retell the event in logical sequence ● begin to transition from starting every sentence using “I” ● Demonstrate an understanding of beginning, middle and end

