

St. Francis de Sales 1st Grade Writing Benchmarks

**The Benchmarks are expected to be achieved by the end of 1st Grade*

1st Grade Writing Benchmarks Across All Genres

By the end of 1st Grade students should be able to :

- Start a sentence with a capital letter (Master)
- Use appropriate spacing between words (Master)
- Use correct end punctuation (Master)
- Compose a complete paragraph using five sentences (Approaching/Mastery)
- Add transition words (Introducing)
- Write a topic statement (Introducing/Approaching)
- Add closure to their writing (Introducing/Approaching)
- Capitalize proper nouns, dates, names, and the pronoun I (Approaching)
- Use common and proper nouns in writing (Master)
- Form and use regular plural nouns - s,es (Master)
- Produce and expand complete sentences using descriptive language and conjunctions (Introducing)
- Use commas in dates and words in a series (Approaching)

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 the text 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State an opinion ● Provide at least three details to support that opinion ● Provide a closing 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete a one paragraph informational piece ● Provide an introduction to the topic ● Provide three details ● Describe the characteristics or qualities of the topic ● Describe the process or events of what the topic does ● Compare and contrast different attributes of the topic ● Provide a closing that summarizes the topic 	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choose an event ● Retell the event in logical sequence ● Use transition words ● Transition from every sentence beginning with “I” ● Begin with a topic statement ● Add three details ● Finish with a closing