

Southern Lehigh School District
Grade Level Benchmarks for Writing
Grade 1

Types of Writing

Narrative

Quality of Writing

Ideas and Content

Uses text to express a clear, focused message

Uses multiple sentences to add detail connected to the topic

Organization

Writes in a logical order, including a recognizable beginning, middle and end

Writes a topic/main idea sentence (begins by restating the prompt when appropriate)

Writes a closing sentence (restates the topic sentence in a new way.)

Writes two or more supporting details sentences related to the topic

Conventions

Uses capital and lower case letters with fair consistency

Uses periods, exclamation points, and question marks with fair consistency

Spells First Grade "No Excuse Words" correctly

Spells some challenging words correctly

Writing Process

Pre-write

Draft

Revise

Edit

Publish

***Items bolded are new benchmarks for this grade level. (Note: At this grade level most of the items are bolded)**