

## Continuum of Writing Skill Development

Emergent/Early Writer	Uses pictures to convey message
	Uses "scribble writing" to convey message
	Uses random letters
	Uses initial consonants
	Uses initial and final consonants
	Uses some middle letters in words
	Uses spaces between words
	Writes some whole words
	Writes simple sentences that make sense
	Developing a sense of beginning, middle, and end
	Sequences ideas logically
	Matches illustration to text
	Able to read own writing
Beginning to use capitals and periods	

Fluent Writer	Confidently chooses topic
	Organizes ideas logically
	Uses supporting details
	Fully develops beginning, middle, and end
	Uses varied sentence beginnings
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	Writes in a variety of genres:
	Informational
	Narrative
	Persuasive
	Descriptive
	Revises own writing
	Uses capitals accurately
Uses varied punctuation correctly	