

Daily Writing Checklist

- Did I use my neatest handwriting?
- Did I begin my writing with an introduction sentence?
- Did I include supporting detail sentences?
- Did I end my paragraph with a conclusion sentence?
- Did I include adjectives and describing words throughout my paragraph?

- Did I use correct grammar, capitalization, and punctuation throughout my paragraph?

Reading Activities

Please have your child read for *at least* 30 minutes each day. This can include books from your library at home or books read with a parent. Possible skills to work on/review before, during and after reading each day are:

- **Making Predictions**: Your child may make predictions for what he/she thinks will happen before and during reading a story. Check to see if any predictions come true.
- **Questioning**: Good readers ask questions as they read to help further their understanding.
- **Summarizing/Sequencing**: Be able to summarize the major events of a story and discuss the sequence of the story from beginning to end.
- **Compare/Contrast**: Compare and contrast characters in stories or compare and contrast events from two different stories. We use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast.
- **Story Structure**: Write and/or detail the setting, plot and main characters in a story. This can also involve sequence the events of a story in order.
- **Author's Purpose**: Discuss why the author wrote the story (think PIE: to **p**ersuade, to **i**nform, or to **e**ntertain)
- **Nonfiction Text Features**: When reading a nonfiction book, have your child discuss the different text features in the book and explain their purpose (ex: table of contents, labels, captions, glossary, index, photographs, etc.).
- **Main Idea & Support Details**: Read a story and discuss the main idea and details that support the overall main idea

Technology Reading Activities

There are a variety of free online resources to help with your child's reading development.

- **Epic:** Epic is a fantastic online resource with thousands of books for students to read. The login may or may not work at home.
 - Go to <https://www.getepic.com/>
 - Click "login" in the top right-hand corner
 - Click "Students & Educators"

 - Type in your class code

 - Find your child's name and click on it
 - Read, read, read!
- **IXL:** Students can practice any English Language Arts skills through logging into IXL. If you have any questions about logging into IXL or need your child's username or password, please let me know.
- **Storyline Online:** Storyline online is a great resource where the world's best storytellers read stories aloud online.
 - Go to <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
 - Choose any story and listen to the actor/actress read it to you
- **Starfall:** Starfall includes math and reading activities and games.
 - Go to <https://www.starfall.com/h/index-grades123.php>
 - Chose Grade 2-3 English
 - Click on the available activities
- **Scholastic:** Learn at home throughout this break with Scholastic
 - Go to <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html> to explore more