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|  | Content | Organization | SentenceStructure | Vocabulary | Conventions | Voice |
| Excellence4 | -Has clear characters with defined roles.-Setting is described.-Problem is clear.-Story has 3+ events.-Problem is solved and link is clear. | -many ideas with supporting details.-events link to the problem. | -Uses complete sentences with occasional error.-Uses a variety of sentence structures. | -Creative with use of words-Describing words show high level of thought. | -Ending punctuation and capitalization are correct.-Spelling errors are minimal. | -Strong connection with the reader.-Shows emotion in writing |
| ApproachingExcellence3 | -Includes characters that have roles in the story.-Setting is described.-Problem is clear but inconsistent in story.-Story has 2+ events. | -Several ideas with supporting details.-Connections between characters and events are made. | -Usually uses complete sentences.-Uses some different types of sentence structures. | -Adequate vocabulary usage.-Words are descriptive. | -Generally appropriate grammar use with occasional errors.-End punctuation and capitalization are usually correct.-Familiar words are spelled correctly and unfamiliar are spelled phonetically. | -Commitment to topic-Inconsistent emotion and attachment to reader. |
| Meet2 | -Has a mixture of defined characters and characters that do not contribute to the story.-Setting is mentioned but not described.-Problem is not clear.-Story has 1+ events that may link to the problem. | -Ideas lack unity and sequencing.-Some ideas but only one or two supporting details.-the ending is predictable. | -Uses a mixture of complete and incomplete sentences.-Uses largely simple and some compound sentences.-Very little sentence variety. | -Simple words are used. -Words and expressions are basic and do not add to the writing. | -A mixture of errors and good grammar usage.-Ending punctuation and capitalization are inconsistent.-Familiar words are misspelled. | -Voice is inappropriate or non-existent.-Writing seems mechanical.-No emotional attachment to the reader. |
| Below1 | -Does not include defined characters.-Setting is unclear.-Story has no problem.-Story has only 1 event. | -Ideas lack connection and sequencing.-Limited ideas with no supporting details. | -Uses only simple or partial sentences.-Uses incomplete sentences.-No variation in the length or type of sentences.-No variety in sentence beginnings. | -Limited word usage.-Some words are misused. | -Many grammatical errors.- The writer does not understand end punctuation and capitalization.-Words are difficult to make out and generally spelt phonetically. | -Writing is life-less.-No emotional attachment to reader. |

Grade 1 Writing Rubric