

Third Grade Parent Night Writing Session

What the Standards Say

- Language Arts Florida Standards:
 - 1- Opinion
 - 2- Informative /Explanatory
 - 3- Narrative
 - 4-6- Writing process
 - 7-9- Research
 - 10- Write routinely

The First Job of the ELA Student

Reader



Reader

Did I do my job as a reader?

#1: Did I answer the question correctly?

#2: Did I develop my answer with evidence from the text?



The Second Job of the ELA Student

Writer



Writer

Did I do my job as a writer?

#1: Did I use linking words/ phrases to connect my ideas together smoothly?

#2: Did I use some of my own words to add effect?

#3:
Did I use different types of sentence structures?



The Third Job of the ELA student

Editor



Editor

Did I do my job as an editor?

#1: Did I correctly spell words taken from the text?

#2: Did I capitalize correctly?

#3: Did I punctuate correctly?



What we expect from your third grader...

Third grade students are expected to respond accurately to a text-based question with specific evidence, and that demonstrates their understanding of writing application skills. Over the school year, we build our expectations from simple tasks to full essay responses.

- An essential skill that provides the foundation for reading and writing is identifying the main idea within a portion of an article or the entire piece.

Main Idea= Topic + Point

Key details/evidence-helps the reader/writer to find support (or prove) the point

- This textual structure must be practiced in order for students to do higher order/critical reading and writing that the new standards expect.

How to find the Main Idea

topic

+

point

Key Details

Now, it's your turn to be a...

Reader



Writer



Editor



Are you ready?

- The beaver's tail is broad and flat. When the beaver swims, its tail helps it to steer or go fast. Beaver sometimes slap the water with its tail- *whack!* This sound means danger. A beaver can rear up to cut down a tree with its teeth. At these times, a tail helps the beaver to keep its balance. When the beaver carries sticks to build a dam, it walks on two feet- and its tail.

Let's see how you did!

topic

Beaver's tail



point

has many uses

Key Details

Beaver swims fast and uses his tail to steer

Slaps the water to alert for danger

Uses his tail to balance

Helps the beaver walk

Model Paragraph

- A beaver's tail has many uses. When in the water, the beaver (creature) uses his tail like a rudder to steer and go fast. When on land, a beaver (mammal/critter) uses its tail to balance and walk. In fact, beavers (log chewers) tail is even used like a ladder when building its home.

Rubric

How we assess their writing

Name: _____		Total: ____/10
I have three jobs for responding to reading.	Criteria for each job	Points Awarded
My job as a reader 4 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I answered the question correctly.• I included detailed evidence to support my answer.	
My job as a writer 4 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My sentences are in my own words.• I use transitions.	
My job as an editor 2 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I spell words from the text correctly.• I use correct capitalization.• I use correct punctuation.• My sentences make sense.	

Questions?