

Kindergarten Benchmarks

Narrative, Information, and Opinion

Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to convey ideas

Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	Does not use drawing and dictating to narrate a single event	Sometimes uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event	Accurately and independently uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate ideas	Consistently establishes a well-elaborated piece of writing using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing
II (March)	Does not use drawing and dictating to narrate a single event	Sometimes uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event	Accurately and independently uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate ideas	Consistently establishes a well-elaborated piece of writing using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing
III (June)	Does not use drawing and dictating to narrate a single event	Sometimes uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event	Accurately and independently uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate ideas	Consistently establishes a well-elaborated piece of writing using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing

Follows the structure of a writing unit				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	Does not follow the structure of a writing genre	Sometimes follows the structure of a writing genre	Accurately and independently follows the structure of a writing genre	Consistently follows and applies the structure of a writing genre
II (March)	Does not follow the structure of a writing genre	Sometimes follows the structure of a writing genre	Accurately and independently follows the structure of a writing genre	Consistently follows and applies the structure of a writing genre
III (June)	Does not follow the structure of a writing genre	Sometimes follows the structure of a writing genre	Accurately and independently follows the structure of a writing genre	Consistently follows the structure of a writing genre

Uses letter-sound knowledge to write				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	Does not include letter/sound correspondence in writing	Sometimes includes beginning sound correspondence in writing	Accurately and independently includes some beginning and final consonant letter/sound correspondence and includes some short-vowel sounds in writing	Consistently includes most consonant letter/sound correspondence and includes some short-vowel sounds in writing
II (March)	Does not include beginning sound correspondence in writing	Sometimes includes beginning and final consonant letter/sound correspondence and short-vowel sounds in writing	Accurately and independently includes most consonant letter/sound correspondence and includes some short-vowel sounds in writing	Consistently uses conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns
III (June)	Does not include beginning and final consonant letter/sound correspondence and does not include short-vowel sounds in writing	Sometimes includes consonant letter/sound correspondence and includes some short-vowel sounds in writing	Accurately and independently begins to use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns	Consistently uses conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns

Uses appropriate conventions to write				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	N	N	N	N
II (March)	Does not use punctuation and does not capitalize the pronoun "I" or the first letter in a sentence	Attempts to use punctuation capitalize the pronoun "I" and capitalize the first word in a sentence	Sometimes independently uses punctuation, capitalizes the pronoun, "I" and capitalizes the first word in a sentence	Consistently uses capital letters and punctuation
III (June)	Does not use punctuation and does not capitalize the pronoun "I" or the first letter in a sentence	Sometimes uses punctuation, capitalizes the pronoun, "I" and capitalizes the first word in a sentence	Accurately and independently uses punctuation, capitalizes the pronoun, "I" and capitalizes the first word in a sentence	Consistently uses capital letters and punctuation

Adds details to strengthen writing				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	N	N	N	N
II (March)	Does not add details to strengthen writing	Sometimes adds details to strengthen writing	Accurately and independently adds details to strengthen writing	Consistently adds details to strengthen writing and expands on writing techniques taught in class (i.e., speech bubbles, figurative language, etc.)
III (June)	Does not add details to strengthen writing	Sometimes adds details to strengthen writing	Accurately and independently adds details to strengthen writing	Consistently adds details to strengthen writing and expands on writing techniques taught in class (i.e., speech bubbles, figurative language, etc.)

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Handwriting

Forms capital letters legibly and neatly				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters
II (March)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters
III (June)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters

Forms lowercase letters legibly and neatly				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters
II (March)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters
III (June)	Applies correct manuscript skills for 0-10 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 11-19 letters	Applies correct manuscript skills for 20-25 letters	Consistently applies correct manuscript skills for all 26 letters

Forms numbers neatly				
Marking Period	1	2	3	4
I (Nov/Dec)	N	N	N	N
II (March)	Does not apply correct manuscript skills for numbers	Sometimes applies correct manuscript skills for numbers	Applies correct manuscript skills for numbers	Consistently forms numbers (no reversals)
III (June)	Does not apply correct manuscript skills for numbers	Sometimes applies correct manuscript skills for numbers	Applies correct manuscript skills for numbers	Consistently forms numbers (no reversals)