## Building Writing Skills

## Beginning

- •Write from left to right with letters touching writing lines
- •Place spaces between words Use a finger, popsicle stick, etc.
- •Use uppercase and lowercase letters
- •Use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence
- •Use punctuation at the end of a sentence
- •Use drawing, guided writing, and dictating to write
- Use letter/sound knowledge, sight words, and word walls to write simple words
- •Write correct beginning and ending consonant sounds
- •Understand there are different types of writing (lists, letters, etc.)

## Intermediate

- •Consistently use correct, basic capitalization and punctuation
- •Write in complete sentences
- •Write correct beginning, middle, and ending sounds
- •Use and spell sight words correctly
- •Be able to read own writing to share with others
- Organize sentences based upon one topic
- •Plan Stories (brainstorm, list, graphic organizer)
- •Create and publish a variety of writings (stories, lists, letters, etc.)
- ·Begin to use voice, audience, and purpose in writing

## Advanced

- •Continues to use sight words and additional grade level words correctly
- •Consistently use correct capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure, tense, and subject/verb agreement
- Organize writing with beginning, middle, and ending
- Choose main topic to write about
- •Add details to support main idea
- •Use paragraphs
- •Begin to use transitions (First, Second, Third, Last, Next, etc.)
- •Use editing tools (dictionary, partner) to revise first draft
- •Produce a variety of writings (poems, stories, letters, personal narratives)
- •Follows the writing process