

# TRAITS + PROCESS + STRATEGIES = WRITING

We improve our writing in Primary by using the following:

- **Writer's Workshop:** learning new **strategies** and sharing our writing together by taking on roles as editors and authors to improve our writing.
- **6+1 Traits of Writing** and the **Writing Process**
- **Writing Structures:** learning about and choosing the appropriate structure to communicate through writing. For example: story, paragraph, fable, procedural, explanation, recount etc.



We focus on particular Writing Traits at certain stages of the Writing Process:

| <u>6+1 Traits of Writing</u> | <u>Writing Process</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ideas                        | Pre-Writing            |
| Organization                 | Drafting               |
|                              | Sharing                |
| Voice                        | Revising               |
| Word Choice                  |                        |
| Sentence Fluency             |                        |
| Conventions                  | Editing                |
| Presentation                 | Publishing             |

At this stage of development, most students will be using strategies to develop their writing traits during the Revising stage of the writing process.

As they develop their writing traits, students will begin to apply traits such as **Voice, Word Choice** and **Sentence Fluency** during the Drafting stage.

Please note, that although students' use of Conventions will become more accurate as they learn more and write, this is always the focus during the Editing stage only.

This booklet contains strategies students or writers can use to develop each trait:

## IDEAS

- Great writing always comes from **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** and **STRONG FEELINGS**. The foundation of the house will be strong and uphold all other traits IF and ONLY IF you begin with a strong idea.
- Draw-Label-Caption
- RAFTS (Role, Audience, Format, Topic, Strong verb)
- Topic T-Chart
- Character/Setting/ Situation Dice-Roll
- Synthesis from Reading

## ORGANIZATION

- Put Your Finger on the Action: used to start stories with a bang!
- Idea-Details
- Tell-Show
- Graphic Organizers for the Structure of different Text Types

## VOICE and WORD CHOICE

- Word Blooms
- Paint

## SENTENCE FLUENCY

- Word Count
- Sentence Starters

## CONVENTIONS

- Editing Bookmarks
- Apply Spelling Knowledge
- Note repeated errors to inquire and correct
- Seek Out an Adult Editor AFTER you have edited your writing first.