

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Clear and Coherent Writing

### Today's Standard

4.W.4 - Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a letter to a friend; Drafting a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end; Creating a report on a science project; Composing a persuasive essay on a favorite book; Writing instructions for a game

### Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to write clearly and make sure my writing is organized so that others can understand it easily.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all writing should be formal, but that's not true. Also, they might forget that who they are writing for is important.

### Quiz Me

- What does clear writing mean?
- Why is it important to think about who will read your writing?
- Can you name a type of writing that is not formal?
- How should you start your writing?
- What is one thing you should always do when you finish writing?

## Help Me

When you write, think about what you want to say and who will read it. Make sure your writing is easy to understand and has a clear beginning, middle, and end. For example, when you write a letter to a friend, you can be more casual and friendly.