

Parent Guide to the

Strengthening Writing Skills

Today's Standard

4.W.5 - With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 4 here.)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a short story and revising it based on peer feedback.; Editing a class newsletter to correct grammar and punctuation errors.; Creating a research report and revising it with teacher guidance.; Collaborating on a group project where each member edits a section of the final report.; Writing a persuasive letter and revising it after receiving adult feedback.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to make our writing better by planning, revising, and editing with help from friends and adults.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that revising and editing are the same, but they are not. Revising means changing the story or the way it is written, and editing means fixing mistakes. Also, kids might think their first try has to be perfect, but writing needs lots of tries to get better.

Quiz Me

- What does it mean to revise your writing?
- What does it mean to edit your writing?
- Why is it good to get help from friends when writing?
- What should you do if your first try isn't perfect?
- Can you name a step in making your writing better?

Help Me

When you write something, you can make it better by planning what you want to say, writing it down, and then fixing it. You can ask your friends or adults to help you find mistakes or make your story clearer. This is

how real writers make their books so good!