Grade Level Expectations Grades K – 4

By mid-year, the student will be able to produce:				
K	1	2	3	4
Begin to write simple sentences. Represent stories through pictures, dictation, written words and play.	Writing sample that includes a topic sentence and two supporting or detail sentences. For Example: I like cats. They are fuzzy. They are fun.	Developed paragraph with no less than 5 sentences to include topic sentence, detail sentences with elaboration (second order support) and a closing sentence.	A 4-5 paragraph essay with introductory paragraph, 2-3 body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph utilizing ageappropriate transitions, consistent voice throughout, and attention to conventions.	A 5 paragraph essay with introductory paragraph, 3 body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph with the sentences increasing in complexity and elaboration and utilizing ageappropriate transitions, consistent voice throughout, and attention to conventions.
By end of the year, the student will be able to produce:				
Use drawing and writing to tell a story on given topic using various approaches to convey meaning and provide information.	Writing sample that includes a topic sentence, three supporting or detail sentences, and a closing sentence.	A 3 paragraph essay with an introductory paragraph, a body paragraph, and concluding paragraph utilizing ageappropriate transitions.	A 5 paragraph essay with introductory paragraph, 3 body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph utilizing ageappropriate transitions, consistent voice throughout, and attention to conventions.	A 5 paragraph essay with introductory paragraph, 3 body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph with the sentences increasing in complexity and elaboration and utilizing ageappropriate transitions, consistent voice throughout, and attention to conventions.