


# WRITING CONTINUUM

## UMBRELLA STAGES FOR GRADE KINDERGARTEN

	PRE-CONVENTIONAL	EMERGING BENCHMARK	DEVELOPING
<b>TYPES OF TEXT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Begins to label and add “words” to pictures. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes first name.	<input type="checkbox"/> Writes words to describe or support pictures. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies signs, labels, names, and words (environmental print).	<input type="checkbox"/> Writes names and familiar words.
<b>CONTENT AND TRAITS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates awareness that print conveys meaning.	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates understanding of letter/sound relationship.	<input type="checkbox"/> Generates ideas for writing.
<b>MECHANICS AND CONVENTIONS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes marks other than drawing on paper (scribbles). <input type="checkbox"/> Writes random recognizable letters to represent words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prints with upper case letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Matches letters to sounds. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses beginning consonants to make words. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses beginning and ending consonants to make words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Writes from top to bottom, left to right, and front to back. <input type="checkbox"/> Intermixes upper and lower case letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Experiments with capital letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Experiments with punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to use spacing between words. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses growing awareness of sound segments (phonemes, syllables, rhymes) to write words. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells words on the basis of sounds without regard for conventional spelling patterns. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses beginning, middle and ending sounds to make words.
<b>ATTITUDE &amp; SELF-EVALUATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tells about own pictures and writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretends to read own writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Sees self as a writer. <input type="checkbox"/> Takes risks with writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Begins to read own writing.