

## Specific Writing Goals by Grade Level

Grade	Specific goal	Example
Kindergarten	Students will independently write 2-3 simple sentences on a topic.	I see a cat. The cat is brown. It is on a chair.
First Grade	Students will independently write a five sentence paragraph on a topic (topic sentence, 3 details, closing sentence)	I have a new cat. She is brown with white stripes. She loves to play with her ball of yarn. At night, she sleeps in my bed. I love my new cat!
Second Grade	Students will independently write a 6-8 sentence expanded paragraph (topic sentence, 3 supporting ideas with details, closing sentence)	My parents just bought me a new cat for my birthday. She is beautiful! She is brown with white stripes and has the coolest green eyes. I have tons of fun playing with her and her toys. She will play with her ball of yarn for hours. My favorite thing, though, is when she sleeps in bed with me. She is nice and warm, and her purring puts me right to sleep. I totally love my new cat!
Third Grade	Students will independently write a three paragraph essay (Opening sentence and first point, second paragraph with second point, third point and closing sentence)	<p>My parents just bought me the best gift in the world, a cat! Her name is Sasha, and she is absolutely beautiful. She has light brown fur with white stripes running along her sides. Also, her eyes are so green they almost don't look real! The best is when she walks. She is so graceful and can jump really high. I bet she could win a "Prettiest Pet" competition.</p> <p>Not only is Sasha beautiful, she is also tons of fun to play with. The other day, I played with her for an hour with just a ball of yarn. I would roll it past her, and she would pounce like it was a giant rat. Sometimes we turn the lights off and shine a flashlight on the floor and wall. She goes crazy, and chases the light wherever we shine it. She will also spend a lot of time just looking into the fish tank, but I don't think we'll play with those any time soon.</p> <p>The best part about Sasha, though, is sleeping with her at night. She will jump up on my bed and curl up next to my body. I can feel her warmth through my blankets. I can also feel her purring through the blankets. Snuggling with her puts me to sleep in no time. I totally love my new cat Sasha!</p>

<p>Fourth Grade</p>	<p>Students will independently write a five paragraph essay (opening paragraph, three supporting paragraphs, closing paragraph)</p>	<p>Last Friday was my birthday. When I came down for dinner, I noticed my presents were stacked up in the corner of the dining room. I gulped down my pizza and blew out the candles on my cake. Now it was time for presents! I got a nice t-shirt from my brother and a football from my sister, but the last gift was the best of all. My parents gave me a cat!</p> <p>I named my new pet Sasha, and she is absolutely beautiful. She has light brown fur with white stripes running along her sides. Also, her eyes are so green they almost don't look real! The best is when she walks. She is so graceful and can jump really high. I bet she could win a "Prettiest Pet" competition.</p> <p>Not only is Sasha beautiful, she is also tons of fun to play with. The other day, I played with her for an hour with just a ball of yarn. I would roll it past her, and she would pounce like it was a giant rat. Sometimes we turn the lights off and shine a flashlight on the floor and wall. She goes crazy, and chases the light wherever we shine it. She will also spend a lot of time just looking into the fish tank, but I don't think we'll play with those any time soon.</p> <p>The best part about Sasha, though, is sleeping with her at night. She will jump up on my bed and curl up next to my body. I can feel her warmth through my blankets. I can also feel her purring through the blankets. Snuggling with her puts me to sleep in no time.</p> <p>I never knew what I was missing before I got Sasha. I thought my life was complete, but now I realize there was something missing. Life will never be the same without my beautiful new playmate, and I don't think I will ever be able to sleep without the warmth and gentle purring. I totally love my new pet!!</p>
<p>Fifth Grade</p>	<p>Students will independently write a multi-paragraph essay (minimum of 5 paragraphs) and write a clear 3 point thesis in the opening paragraph.</p>	<p><u>3 Point Thesis Statement:</u> Although some students find them uncomfortable, I believe we should wear school uniforms because it takes less time to choose clothes in the morning, it cuts down on students getting picked on because of their clothes, and it makes the school look like one big team.</p>