Standard 3: Students write and speak using conventional grammar, usage, sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling

Standards and Components	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First	Second
Know and use subject/verb agreement			Stress Speak, write, and identify standard age- appropriate grammar and word usage: Basic subject-verb agreement Simple sentences Appropriate verb tense Regular plurals	 <i>Proficient</i> Use standard forms of nouns and verbs, Use basic subject-verb agreement <i>Introduce</i> Know words having -s and -es verb endings Recognize and use singular possessive nouns Recognize and use irregular nouns Know and use common and proper nouns
Knowing and using correct modifiers			<i>Introduce</i>Recognize and use adjectives	 Stress Recognize and use adjectives in sentences
Knowing and using correct capitalization, punctuation, and abbreviations		 <i>Introduce</i> Use capital letters (first & last names, beginning of sentences, "I <i>Introduce</i> Use period at end of sentence 	 Stress Capitalize first & last names, sentence beginnings, "I" and proper nouns Introduce Punctuation Punctuate ending of sentences (period and question mark) Use exclamation mark Use abbreviations Use contractions 	 Proficient Capitalize beginning sentences and proper nouns (names, states, months, weeks, particular places, and abbreviations) Greeting and closing of friendly letter Stress Punctuate end of sentence (period, question, and exclamation mark) Use abbreviations Contractions Introduce Use commas in a series Know and use quotation Marks
Spelling frequently used words correctly using phonics rules and exceptions	 <i>Introduce</i> Experiment with invented spelling 	 Introduce Apply letter/sound relationships as emergent writers to spell some simple words 	 Proficient Know and use upper and lower case letters Stress Use phonetic spelling Spell first 100 words from Fry word list correctly 	 Proficient Know and use first few letters ABC order Stress Spell first 200 words from Fry word list correctly Know and use suffixes (-s, -ed, - ing)

	•	Introduce Suffixes (-s, -ed, -ing) ABC order 	 Introduce Know and spell words ending in -ed, -er, -est
Speaking	 Correct the pronunciation of words by using classroom resources Speak in complete sentences when required Stay on topic 	 Stay on topic Differentiate between real and make-believe 	 Speak to share information, share what they know, express an opinion, explain, etc. Use appropriate volume and rate Correct the pronunciation of words by using classroom resources Speak in complete sentences Stay focused on topic Know and use correct grammar when speaking Speak clearly When presenting: tell the most important facts, include beginning, middle, and end Participate in group interactions