

Dear Parents,

In the area of creative writing your child will be learning to edit his/her own story. Each child progresses at his/her own pace in this process. Developmentally appropriate expectations are essential for successful experiences. For this story, your child was asked to independently edit for the skill(s) which have been circled below. Other areas of the story were not edited, because your child is not yet ready for more responsibility. As your child grows in their ability, more areas of responsibility will be added.

1. Spaces between words
2. Capitals
 - *beginning of sentences
 - *I
 - *proper nouns
 - *abbreviations
 - *initials
3. Periods
 - *end of sentences
 - *after abbreviations
 - *after initials
4. Question Marks
5. Exclamation Marks
6. Commas
7. Quotation Marks
8. Colons
9. Semicolons
10. Complete Sentences
11. Spelling
12. Paragraphs
 - *Subject Change
 - *Written Speech
13. Correct Grammar in Sentence Structure
14. Maintaining Verb Tenses (past, present)
15. Maintaining Narrator (first person, third person, omniscient)
16. Word Choice (expands vocabulary with choices provided by teacher or initiated by student)