

**CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL**  
**PRE-K TO GRADE 5 WRITING STANDARDS**

**FIRST GRADE WRITING**

The following goals are at the core of our First grade curriculum. Please note that these are important goals, but they are not the only concepts to which students will be exposed at this grade level. Students will have a rich curriculum, and their experiences in writing will introduce them to many new concepts that will deepen over time.

**Narrative Writing**

- Writes across one or more pages.
- Puts the events in order using words such as *and, then, so*.
- Writes an ending that provides some sense of closure.
- Includes details in pictures and words.

**Opinion/Persuasive Writing**

- Writes an opinion and states supporting reasons.
- Writes an ending that provides some sense of closure.

**Information Writing**

- Names a topic and supplies facts.
- Writes an ending that provides some sense of closure.
- With support, gathers information and uses labels/words to answer questions.

**Language Conventions**

- Spells words relying on most obvious phonemes and common spelling patterns.
- Spells grade level high-frequency words (*Rebecca Sitton's No Excuse Word List*).
- Uses end punctuation for sentences.
- Capitalizes sentences, dates, names, and the pronoun "I".
- Writes legibly and efficiently.
- Begins to incorporate conversation in writing.

**Revising and Editing**

- With support, adds details to strengthen writing as needed.