

6 + 1 Traits

of Writing

classroom posters

Ideas

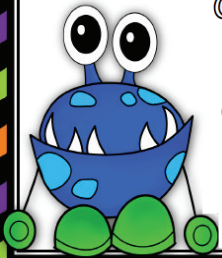
the main message and details



- @ plan the ideas
- @ use interesting details
- @ use supporting details
- @ stay on topic

Voice

the way the writing is brought to life



- @ use the best tone and style for the purpose and audience
- @ choose the attitude or flavour
- @ use the best overall tense

Conventions

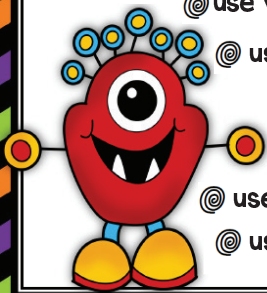
the general rules of writing



- @ spelling
- @ capitalisation
- @ punctuation
- @ grammar
- @ paragraphs

Word Choice

the words used to help express the ideas



- @ use words that help imagine or feel
- @ use vocabulary to create meaning
- @ use the best words for the purpose and audience
- @ use a variety of interesting words
- @ use everyday words well

Sentence Fluency

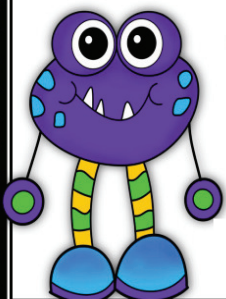
the rhythm and flow of the writing



- @ read aloud to check the fluency
- @ use different sentence lengths
- @ use a variety of sentence starters
- @ make it easy to read

Organisation

the structure of the writing



- @ use an engaging start
- @ use a logical sequence
- @ use a suitable title
- @ use an ending that ties it together

Presentation

the overall appearance of the piece



- @ present it in the best way for the purpose and audience
- @ use the best layout and handwriting or font style
- @ add pictures and graphics if they help add meaning