

Vail School District
2nd Grade
Practice Writing #3
Functional

DIRECTIONS:

Read the writing prompt below. Use the next page for your prewriting/planning. Then write your draft.

February 1, 2016

Dear Students,

At our school, we want to make sure that every student eats a healthy snack. Beginning tomorrow, all students can only bring an apple to school for snack. Apples are tasty and come in many different colors. We feel this will help my students be better learners. Please write a letter back to me sharing your opinion on our new snack rule.

Sincerely,
Your Teacher

Your writing should:

- have a topic sentence that states whether you agree or disagree with the new rule
- include all parts of a letter
- include important details supporting your opinion

Remember to edit for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.

DIRECTIONS: Use this page for your prewriting/planning. You may add lines to the web if you need to add more ideas.

Prewriting/Planning for Opinion Writing

Topic: _____

State your opinion clearly: _____

Reason One

Reason Two

Reason Three

Concluding Statement: _____

DIRECTIONS:

Now you are going to revise your draft. Read your draft. Then use the questions in the Writer's Checklist as a guide to make changes to your draft. Check each line if you can answer "yes" to that question.

WRITER'S CHECKLIST

- Are my ideas clear?
- Does my writing have words that make it interesting?
- Does my writing have a clear beginning, middle and end?
- Does my writing sound right and make sense?
- Did I edit for capital letters?
- Did I edit for correct punctuation?
- Did I edit for correct spelling?

DIRECTIONS:

For each line you did not check, make the change on your draft. Then write your final copy on the following pages.

