

## 5-Day Writing Plan

*A simple way to build strong writing habits—one step at a time.*

You don't have to write a perfect piece all at once. Good writing takes time! This 5-day plan breaks the process into small, doable steps that build confidence and help your child write with purpose.

### Day 1: Brainstorm

- Talk it out or think it through before writing.
- Use a list, web, drawing, or bullet points to get your ideas out.
- Ask questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

#### **Examples:**

- What's my main idea?
- What do I want the reader to learn, feel, or imagine?

### Day 2: First Draft

- Write freely! Don't worry about spelling, grammar, or making it perfect.
- Focus on telling your story or explaining your idea.
- Just get your thoughts down on paper.

**Encouragement:** Mistakes are part of the process. This is your "rough" copy!

### Day 3: Reread & Revise

- Read your writing out loud or have someone read it to you.
- Add more detail or remove anything that doesn't make sense.
- Think about what your reader might need to better understand your message.

**Tip:** This is a great time to ask, "What would make this more interesting or clear?"

### Day 4: Edit

- Now it's time to fix the little things:
  - Capitals at the beginning of sentences
  - Punctuation at the end
  - Spelling of tricky words

- Neatness and clarity

**Use your Gentle Grammar Checklist to help!**

 **Day 5: Final Copy & Share**

- Rewrite or type your final version neatly.
- Add illustrations or decorations if you want.
- Share your writing with someone—read it aloud, display it, or mail it!

**Celebrate your work! You wrote something from start to finish—well done!**