

Gentle Grammar & Writing Checklist – Grade 4

A guide for parents to review writing together with encouragement and grace.

At this stage, your child is starting to write with more structure. After each writing activity, take time to review together in a gentle way that encourages growth and joy in writing.

Basic Review:

- Read the writing out loud together to check if it makes sense.
- Make sure each sentence begins with a capital letter.
- Check punctuation at the end of each sentence—period, question mark, or exclamation point.
- Look for spacing between words and neatness that makes the writing easy to read.
- Notice if words they've learned before are spelled correctly.
- Check that the writing stays on topic and follows a clear order.

Gentle Growth Ideas:

- Ask if they included describing words to help paint a picture.
- Talk about where they could add more detail or examples.
- Point out places where sentences could be clearer or more complete.
- Encourage use of time-order and transition words like *first*, *then*, *next*, and *finally*.
- Celebrate effort and creative thinking before correcting small mistakes.

 Grade 4 is about building confidence in structure and clarity while keeping writing fun.