

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to this new school year. I appreciate the opportunity you are giving me to work with your child. We will be covering a lot of material in a short amount of time. We will be studying *Fundamental Steps: A Step By Step Writing Program for Young Students*. Students will learn to write five paragraph essays with clear organization, proper grammar usage, and room for creative expression. The fundamental steps to writing include, using general skills and strategies of the writing process, which is prewriting, drafting and revising, editing and publishing. The types of essays they will learn to write are narrative, explanatory, persuasive, and research of information. They will also learn the parts of an essay. These parts include the preview paragraph, general statements 1-3, and the concluding paragraph.

Here are some ways that you may help make this a successful school year:

- ◆ Encourage your child
- ◆ Be positive
- ◆ See that their homework assignments are completed
- ◆ Check emails, communication is everything

I look forward to teaching your child, and I hope this year will be fun, yet challenging.

Sincerely,

Miss Connie

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**Curriculum:** Fundamental Steps: A Step By Step Writing Program for Young Students

**Overview of Course:** Students will learn to write five paragraph essays with clear organization, proper grammar usage, and room for creative expression. The fundamental steps to writing include, using general skills and strategies of the writing process, which is prewriting, drafting and revising, editing and publishing. The fundamental principles are a review thesis, general statements, and a summary. The types of essays they will learn to write are narrative, explanatory, persuasive, and research of information.

**Grading:** The student will be graded based on participation, attitude, how well they understand and use the fundamental steps of writing.

**Homework:** Assignments will be given each week. Whatever they don't finish in class, they will be expected to finish at home.

**Notebooks:** Each child will need writing folders to store their student guides and all their writing and grammar assignments.

**Absent and Unclear of Assignments:** Each writing assignment will be listed on the CCA website, [www.mycca.org](http://www.mycca.org), the Monday the assignment is given.