

In Common: Effective Writing for All Students **Collection of All Student Work Samples, K-12**

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First Grade Range of Writing Opinion Writing Samples

File name: OIR A Special Person

Opinion/Argument

Grade 1

Range of Writing

A Special Person

Introduces the topic

My mommy is my speshl prsin! My mommy is the best because she loves m **States an opinion**

My mommy helps me by helping me bake. mommy and me like to go to the **Supplies a reason for the opinion**
park. I Love my mommy.

Provides some sense of closure

This first-grade opinion piece introduces a topic and states an opinion (“*My mommy is the best*”). Although the Standard calls for only one reason, this writer supplies several reasons for the opinion (she loves me; she helps me bake; we go to the park). The ending sentence (“*I Love my mommy.*”) provides a sense of closure.

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A Special Person

My mommy is my special person! My mommy is the best because she loves me. My mommy helps me by helping me bake. Mommy and I like to go to the park. I love my mommy.

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A Special Person

My mommy is my speshl prsin! My mommy is the best because she loves me. My mommy helps me by helping me bake. mommy and me like to go to the park. I Love my mommy.

File name: O1R Mother Cat

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Range of Writing

Mother Cat

Names the poem he is writing about

Hello my name is Derek. I'm going to tell you about how mother cat in the poem kittens is a good mother. When it was stormy outside the mother cat stayed in and kept her babys warm and safe. She also took the smallest one outside on a sunny snowy day, and the dog helped her take the other three kittens. She is teaching the baby's about snow. The kittens mother is a good mother because:

States an opinion

- she keeps the babys safe
- she teaches them many things
- she loves her baby's
- she asks for help

**Supplies
reason(s) for
the opinion**

and much much more! If the mother cat wasn't a good mother she wouldn't do all that good stuff.

**Provides some sense
of closure**

In this strong, first-grade opinion piece, the writer names the poem he is writing about (*"kittens"*), states an opinion (*"mother cat...is a good mother."*), and then provides some evidence from the text (*"When it was stormy outside the mother cat stayed in and kept her babys warm and safe. She also took the smallest one outside on a sunny snowy day"*) before listing several reasons for the opinion (*"she keeps the babys safe"*, *"she teaches them many things"*, *"she loves her baby's"*, *"she asks for help"*). Although this writer provides several reasons, one reason would have been sufficient. The ending sentence, *"If the mother cat wasn't a good mother she wouldn't do all that good stuff"* provides a sense of closure.

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Hello my name is Daniel. I'm going to tell you about how Mother Cat in the poem, "Kittens" is a good mother. When it was stormy outside, the Mother Cat stayed in and kept her babies warm and safe. She also took the smallest one outside on a sunny, snowy day, and the dog helped her take the other three kittens out, too. She is teaching the babies about snow. The kittens mother is a good mother because:

- she keeps the babies safe,
- she teaches them many things,
- she loves her babies,
- she asks for help,

and much, much more! If the Mother Cat wasn't a good mother she wouldn't do all that good stuff!

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Mother Cat

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- she keeps the babys safe
- she teaches them many things
- she loves her baby's
- she asks for help

and much much more! If the mother cat wasn't a good mother she wouldn't do all that good stuff.