

The Writing Process



What is planning?

Planning is the stage before writing begins. Students begin to gather ideas and explore the topic as they think about what things they will include in their writing. They may draw some pictures and/or write some key words. These words do not have to be in a sentence.



What is drafting?

Drafting is the first attempt at writing. This is where the students do not have to worry too much about making mistakes. We encourage students to listen to the sounds in words as they attempt to spell them, spelling and punctuation can be fixed later.



What is revising?

After drafting the student will need to read over their work to **revise** it. When they do this they can make changes to their writing to make it better. At Pakenham Springs we do this using a green pencil (Gary Green).



What is editing?

At Pakenham Springs we edit using a red pencil (Rosie Red). Whilst students are editing their writing, try to stick with one focus. It helps to have the students make their own changes rather than being corrected by an adult. You may choose to just focus on a sentence or two.



What is publishing?


Once students have completed the writing process, at school they may publish a piece of writing (good copy). Not all writing pieces are published. At home, we are not requiring students to publish their writing, but if they want to, they could present it as a poster, a card, or even type it on a computer.



GARY GREEN
Helps us revise



- Add** more detail +
- Remove** words or sentences =
- Move** parts around ↷
- Swap** words for better words ☆

ROSIE RED
Helps us edit



- Capital** letters  The
- Use** words that make sense 
- Punctuation** for every sentence . ! ?
- Spelling** using sounds and charts 