**Writing Standard 1.2 (2nd Grade)**

Write an opinion piece in which a topic is introduced stating an opinion. Supply reasons to support the opinion.

**Student Directions:**

**In class, we have been reading the story, Let’s Save the Earth. This story talks about things we can do to help the Earth. In your opinion, do you think students should do more to help save the Earth? Write a paragraph to state your opinion and give reasons to support your opinion.**

**Advanced**

* Provides 3 or more reasons to support their opinion.
* Uses complex sentence structures to convey ideas.

**Proficient**

* Plans their paragraph.
* Introduces the topic or text in the first sentence.
* States their opinion about the topic in a sentence.
* Provides 2 reasons that support their opinion. Each reason is stated in a complete sentence.
* Uses linking words to connect ideas.
* Provides a conclusion statement.

**Progressing**

* Demonstrates 4 out of 6 proficient criteria

**Needs More Practice**

* Demonstrates 2 or less of the proficient criteria