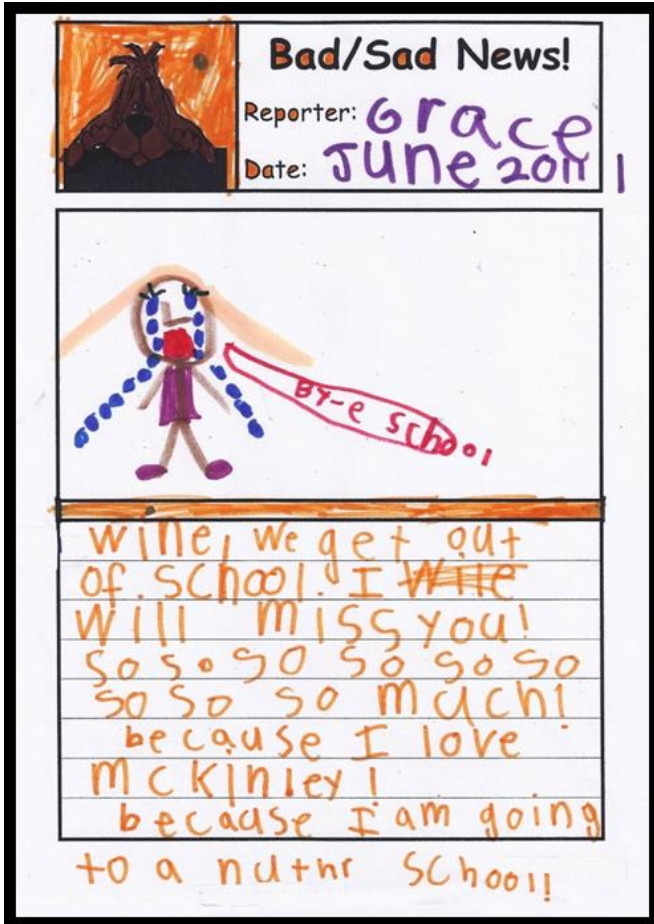


# Students Voice Their Opinions and Engage in Opinion Writing Throughout the Year



*Bye school. When we get out of school, I will miss you so so so so so so so so so so so so much! Because I love McKinley! Because I am going to another school!*

## CCSS Writing

W.K.1. Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., *My favorite book is...*).

Sharing ideas and opinions—and writing about them—begins with singing songs about the children's lives and creating class books where each child dictates a sentence. (We affirm children with this message, "Your life and opinions are important to us!" See Chapter 1.)

## CCSS Thinking and Opinion Writing Includes:

- Evaluating your best Name Ticket writing.
- Responding to graphs and surveys ("What is your favorite...?" "How shall we carve?")
- Making lists of favorite ABC/phonics symbols.
- Communicating with pride during student-led parent conferences. ("This is my best...").
- Memorizing and performing poetry and song: Building vocabulary, voice, and confidence.

- **Learning to Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read!** opinion words such as favorite, because, like, and love. (Writing teaches reading!)
- Inviting children to observe, notice, and voice their thinking from inquiry-based science investigation (See page 249 - "What do you notice about our Favorite Colors?").
- Using sign language to connect language and feeling (happy/sad, yes/no).
- Literature/poetry discussion and response ("Why do you think the author...?" "What made the ladybug so grouchy?")
- Partner Share and Talking Circle ("Talk to your writing partner about what you liked best about our field trip.").
- Writing News Stories about Happy and Bad/Sad events.
- Many writing opportunities to reflect on personal opinions: "I like kindergarten because..." "My favorite book is..." "My favorite nocturnal animal is..." "Dear Principal: I think..."

(See additional samples of Opinion Writing under the **Writing:CCSS** tab at [www.nellieedge.com](http://www.nellieedge.com))