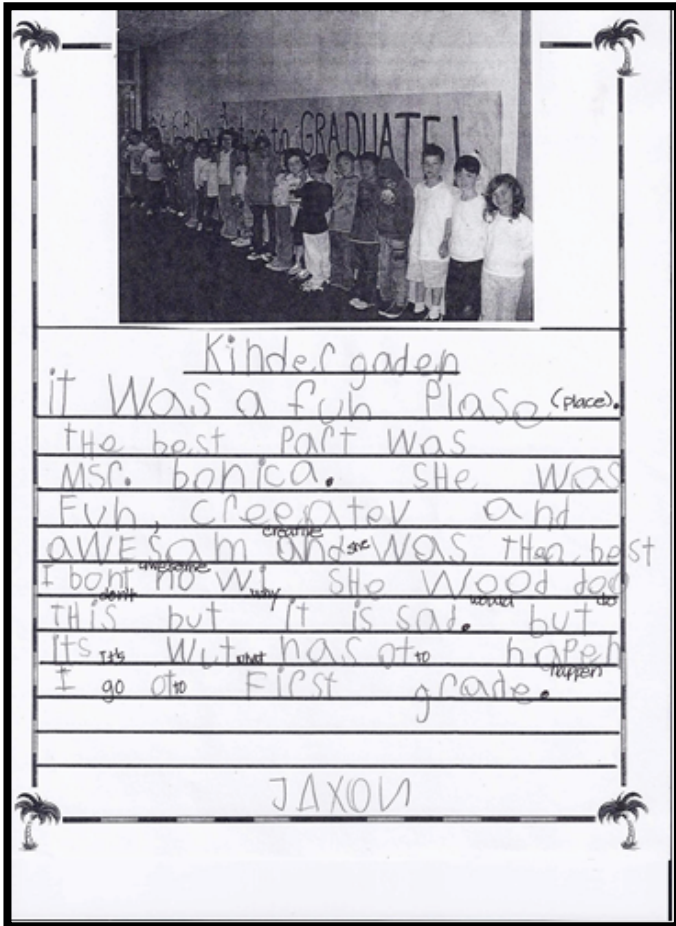


End-of-Year Independent Writing Samples from Diane Bonica



Kindergarten

It was a fun place. The best part was Mrs. Bonica. She was fun, creative, and awesome and was the best. I don't know why she would do this, but it is sad. But it's what has to happen: I go to first grade.

Jaxon



These kindergarten writers demonstrate they have:

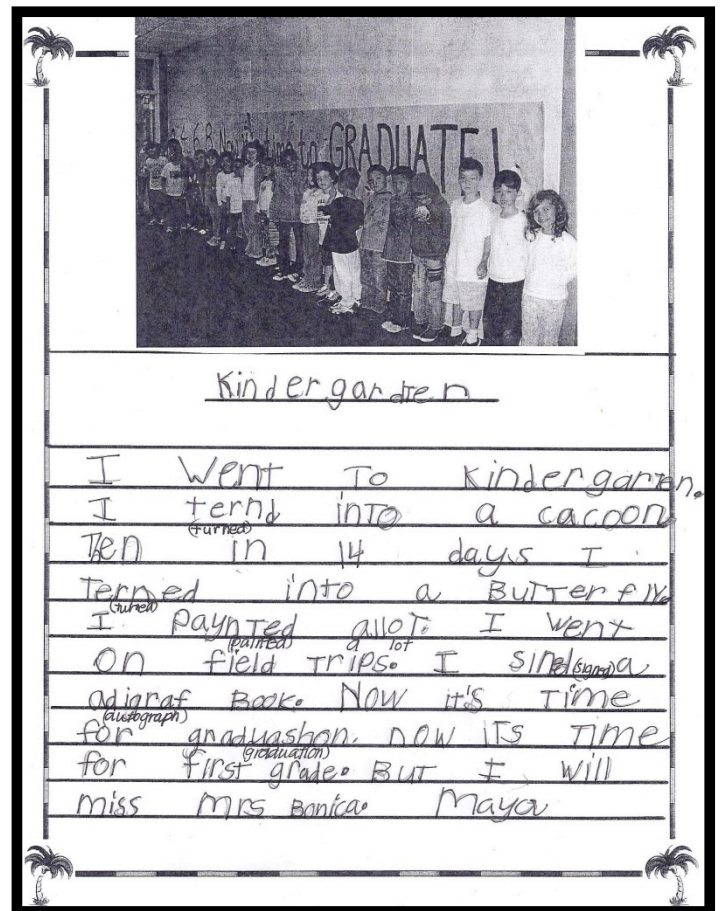
- Mastery of foundational reading skills
- Confidence and independence using many conventions of standard written English
- Recalled information from experiences to compose an opinion piece, reflecting on why they liked kindergarten
- Independently expressed their unique writing voice on a specific topic

2-4-6-8!

Now it's time to graduate!

I ask the children to think about everything they did and liked about kindergarten. After I model a "kindergarten" writing sample, the children write their own. These pieces are truly spontaneous thinking and writing from the children; they have not had additional adult support or editing.

The students demonstrate voracious vocabulary acquisition and use.



Kindergarten

I went to kindergarten. I turned into a cocoon. Then in 14 days I turned into a butterfly. I painted a lot. I went on field trips. I signed an autograph book. Now it's time for graduation. Now it's time for first grade. But I will miss Mrs. Bonica.

Maya