**Writing Conference Guide Sheet**

**1. Ideas**

* I want to hear your story first before we edit it. ☺

Read me your planning sheet.

Next, read me your book.

Did you remember to write all of your details?

* Does your story make sense?
* Does your story have a clear *beginning, middle* and *end*?
* Is there any missing information or any places that we can add details?

**2. Word Choice and Voice**

* Did you use creative, unique WOW words? Could we add more?
* Did you use describing words to make your sentences better? Could we add more?
* Does your writing sound like you? Did you start with a great lead?
* Do your sentences vary in length and start in different ways?

**3. Spelling**

* Are the class spelling words that appear in your story spelled correctly?
* Are there misspelled words that appear over and over again in your book that we can find?
* I am going to circle a few words on each page for you to look up in your word book. (range of 2-5 depending on student’s abilities)

**4. Punctuation and Capitalization**

* Have you placed your punctuation correctly?



* Does your punctuation help give meaning to your story?
* Does every sentence start with an uppercase letter?
* Does every name start with an uppercase letter?
* Are there misplaced punctuation marks or capital letters?