

SCHOOL-HOME LINKS

Child's name _____

Dear Family, Your child is learning to edit or revise what he or she writes.

Here is a summary of what good writers do.

Good writers plan their writing.

Good writers get their ideas down on paper.

Good writers expect to make changes in their writing.

Here is a sample of how a good writer changed or **revised** a story to make it better.

FIRST DRAFT

The dog ~~ran~~ into
~~busy~~
the ^ street and was almost
~~big, green~~
hit by a ^ car

REVISED DRAFT

The dog ran into
the busy street and was almost
hit by a big, green car.

- Write something at home with your family.
- When you have finished writing, here are seven ideas to help you revise to make it better:

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Seven Ideas to Help You Revise Your Writing

1. Read your piece of writing out loud. Listen to the sound of your sentences. If they are hard to say, the words probably need changing. Rewrite them.
2. Add some things you left out. Use a pencil or different colored ink to make changes.
3. Add colorful words in at least two places in your story.
4. Try moving some of the words around to new spots.
5. Replace words like "big," "nice," "good," "bad," with words that are clearer.
6. Ask your family to give you ideas on how to make your story better.
7. Check your spelling and punctuation. Correct, neat writing is easier for people to read and understand.

Child's signature _____

Parent's (Learning Partner's) signature _____