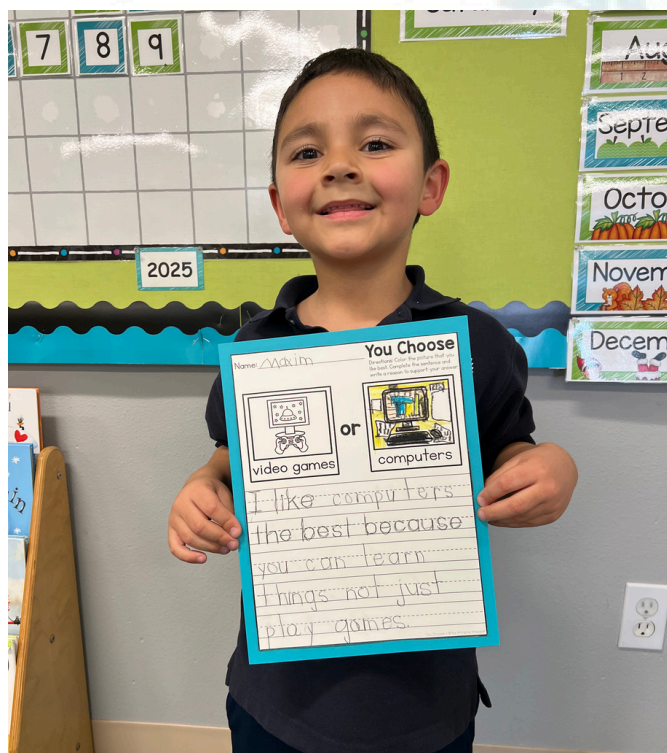


TK Explores Big Ideas with Opinion Writing!



Our TK students recently began an exciting journey into Opinion Writing—an engaging assignment that sparked creativity and encouraged critical thinking. Throughout this process, students learned to express personal preferences while practicing the fundamentals of strong writing. From letter formation and correct sizing to finger spacing, capitalization, and punctuation, our young learners worked diligently to bring their thoughts to life on paper.

Building Strong Sentences First

Before diving into opinions, we laid the groundwork by focusing on sentence structure. Students practiced identifying nouns and verbs, crafting complete thoughts, and ensuring clarity in their writing. They counted words before writing them, practiced correct spacing, and paid close attention to punctuation. Together, we modeled examples and discussed what makes a sentence strong. Instead of simply writing, "Pizza is good," students were encouraged to expand their ideas. One student wrote, "I like pizza more than burgers because the cheese is hot and melty," while another shared, "Pizza is the best because you can put many toppings on it, and it tastes yummy!"



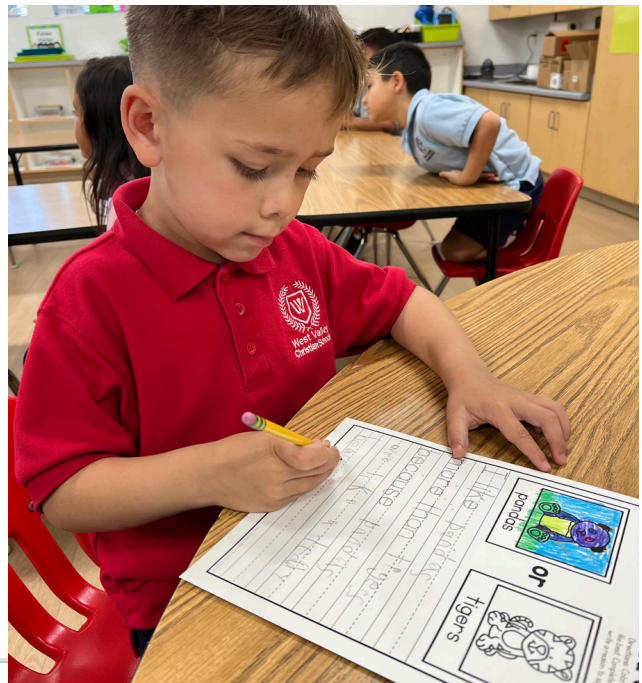
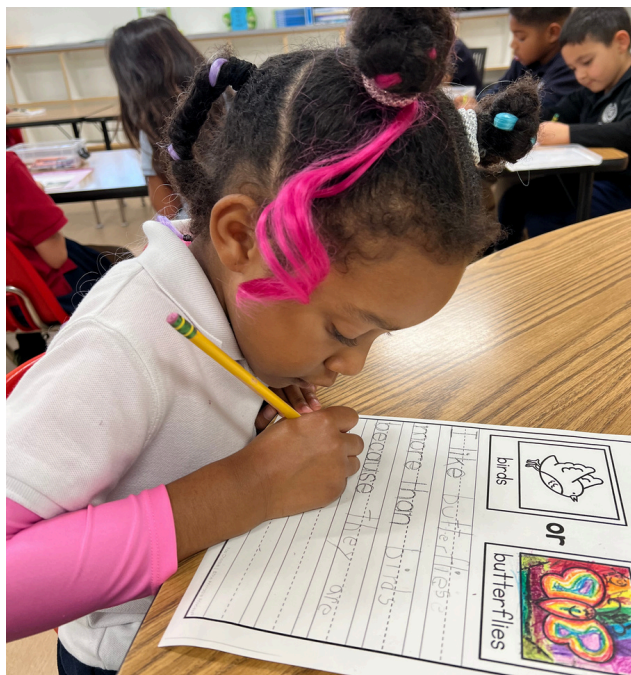
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Expressing Opinions with Confidence

Opinion writing encouraged our TKers to think deeply and defend their preferences. Using sentence starters such as I like, I prefer, the best, and more than, students wrote organized, thoughtful responses to topics like favorite foods, community helpers, hobbies, animals, and more. During one lively classroom discussion, a student shared, "A firefighter is the best because they save people and put out fires!" Another responded, "I would rather be a doctor because doctors help sick people feel better." These exchanges helped build confidence in expressing ideas while learning to listen and respect others' perspectives.

Faith and Wisdom in Our Words

As part of integrating faith into learning, we connected the idea of making wise choices with biblical truths. We talked about how God gives us the ability to think, reason, and choose wisely. Reflecting on James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God...," students were reminded that while everyone has different opinions, we can seek guidance from God in making thoughtful, kind, and respectful decisions that honor Him.



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Growing as Writers and Thinkers

This experience helped our TK students grow not only as writers but as thoughtful communicators. By learning to structure sentences and express opinions clearly, they gained confidence in their voices and an appreciation for the opinions of others. With a solid foundation in grammar, writing mechanics, and Christ-centered reflection, our students are developing skills that will support them in every subject—and in life.

