

### Example of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Paragraph

I am going to teach you about tigers. First, tigers have sharp teeth. Next, tigers are orange with black stripes. Last, tigers eat meat. Now you know about tigers.

### Example of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Paragraph

There are many interesting facts about tigers. One interesting fact about tigers is that they have sharp teeth and claws. This is because they are carnivores that hunt and eat other animals. Another interesting fact about tigers is that they camouflage themselves to stay hidden from their prey. This means that their orange fur and black stripes blend in with the tall dry grass, almost making them invisible. Those are some interesting facts about tigers.

### **Other Important Differences:**

- *3<sup>rd</sup> grade writers read writing prompts to determine what they will write about.*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> grade writers get their evidence from text, not their previous knowledge.*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> grade writers must have proper punctuation, spelling, and capitals.*