

Trait: Organization

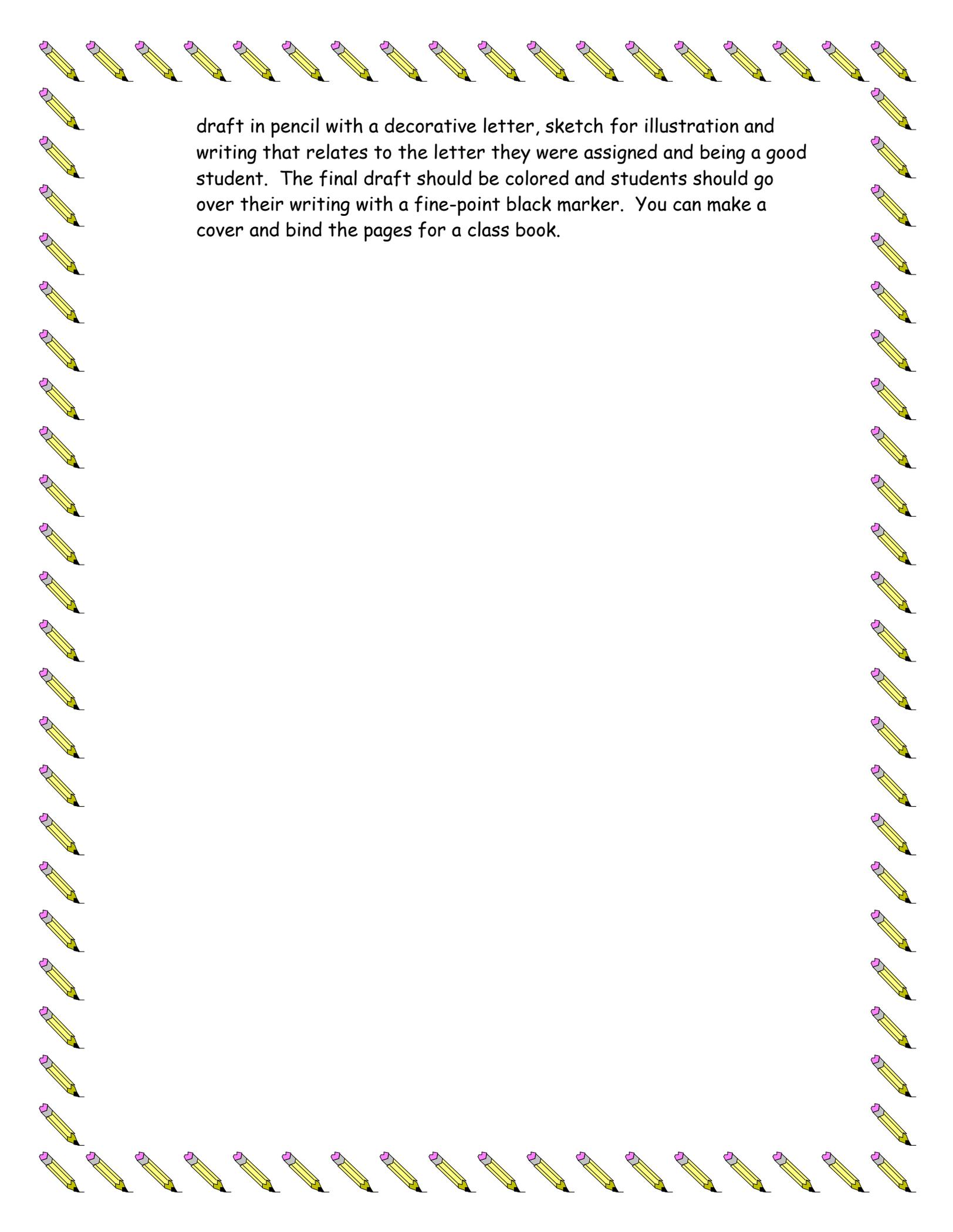
Introduction Lesson Plan- 3rd Grade

How to "bee" a Good Student- ABC Book

(adapted from 6 + 1 Traits of Writing)

What to do:

1. **Introduction:** Introduce the trait of Organization and discuss this activity to help clarify what this trait means. Use pages 68-99 in 6 + 1 Traits of Writing, as well as other resources you have. Here is a quick summary of Organization:
 - Organization is the structure, the pattern of logic
 - A piece with strong organization begins with a clear purpose that creates anticipation in the reader.
 - Use an inviting introduction, thoughtful transitions, logical sequencing, controlled pacing and a satisfying conclusion.
2. **Reading/Modeling:** Read the book T is for Teacher: A School Alphabet by Steven L. Layne, Deborah Dover Layne, Doris Ettlinger aloud to the students. *Any alphabet book would be appropriate to read, I like this one since it is specific to school.*
3. **Explain:** Explain to the students, that one type of organization is an alphabet book. It is organized by letters and in alphabetical order.
4. **Brainstorming:** On an overhead, chart paper or board, begin to brainstorm "How to be a Good Student". I write down every letter of the alphabet on an overhead and write brief thoughts next to the appropriate letters.
5. **Assigning Letters:** Then, tell students that they are going to create an ABC book on How to be a Good Student. Assign each student a letter of the alphabet. If you have exactly 26 students, then every student has a letter! You may need to be creative with some of the letters, such as X and Z. If you have more than 26 students, then some letter will have more than one page. For classes with less than 26 students, you can have some students volunteer to do 2 pages or you can use some of the letters as example pages or to be done as a
6. **Student Work:** Students will then use the graphic organizer to create their page for the book. The students can use ideas generated from the brainstorming list or their own. They should complete the first



draft in pencil with a decorative letter, sketch for illustration and writing that relates to the letter they were assigned and being a good student. The final draft should be colored and students should go over their writing with a fine-point black marker. You can make a cover and bind the pages for a class book.