**What are the parts of an expository paragraph?**

**TS Topic Sentence**

-Tells the reader what you are going to talk about

-Leads to the star ideas

-We’ve gone over ‘number’ topic sentences and ‘and, but, or so” topic sentences.

**Star Ideas (3 total)**

-reasons, details, or facts

-answers the prompt

**The E’s (explanations/example,”the meat”, supporting details) (at least 1 for each star idea)**

-tells more about your star idea

**CON Conclusion – wraps it all up**

-Ties back to the topic sentence.

Paragraph of the Week (P.O.W)

\*\*Please complete your POW in your homework packet. Use the paragraph writing steps learned in class to complete your paragraph. Refer to your Parent/Student reference packet if you have questions.  **You will be expected to turn in your homework at the end of the week.**

**PARAGRAPH WRITING STEPS TO FOLLOW:**

**Step 1:** Read the prompt and think about your 3 star ideas.

**Step 2:** Use your organizer to write a topic sentence for your paragraph. Make sure it tells the reader what you are going to talk about in your paragraph. Then create and write a concluding sentence that will wrap it all up.

**Step 3:** Complete the paragraph organizer. Include your transitions, star ideas, E’s, and write out your topic and concluding sentences. This will help you organize your thoughts.

**Step 4:** Write your paragraph using complete sentences on the labeled lined paper. Use transitions with each star idea (first, next, then).

Your paragraph should follow this order:

TS Topic Sentence  
 Star Idea #1  
 E (supporting detail) for your 1st star idea  
 Star Idea #  
 E (supporting detail) for your 2nd star idea  
 Star Idea #3  
 E (supporting detail) for your 3rd star idea  
CON Conclusion

**Step 5**: Edit and proofread

**Step 6**: Final Copy on lined, blank paper