**File name: O2R Chocolate Milk**

**Argument/Opinion**

**Grade 2**

**Range of Writing**

**Persuasive Essay**

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The assignment **introduces the topic** for writing. The piece could be improved with an introductory sentence that provided some context.

**States an opinion**

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**Uses linking words to connect opinion and reasons**

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**Supplies reasons that support the opinion**

**Provides a concluding statement**

In this second-grade opinion piece, the writer uses information learned in a nutrition unit to argue that chocolate milk should be served in the school cafeteria. The writer’s opinion is clearly stated and is supported by facts *(“it has 0% fat”)* and reasons *(“some kids will only drink choclate Milk”).* Linking words and phrases *(“because”, “another reason”)* connect the opinion with the reasons given. The concluding statement sums up the opinion piece for the reader. This second grader has not yet learned to use commas, and the attempt to use periods instead can make the piece a bit confusing. This misunderstanding could easily be addressed on a second draft.

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