

## Example Opinion Paragraphs

### Paragraph 1

Have you ever read *Shiloh* or *Because of Winn-Dixie*? Both stories show how dogs can become loyal friends. I think dogs make the best pets. First, they keep people company and offer comfort when we're sad. Also, dogs help people get exercise by needing walks and playtime. Finally, dogs are protective and often help their families feel safe. If you're hoping for a friend who listens, plays, and loves you no matter what, a dog might be the perfect choice.

### Paragraph 2

Have you ever wished you could start school a little later? I believe schools should begin later in the morning. First, many kids feel tired when they arrive and need more sleep to focus. Also, mornings at home can be stressful when families are rushing to get ready. Finally, starting later helps students feel calmer and ready to learn. A later start could help students feel more successful and enjoy school even more.

### Paragraph 3

Playing outside helps kids stay healthy, focused, and happy. I believe kids should get more time to play outdoors every day. First, running, jumping, and climbing help build strong muscles, coordination, and healthy hearts. Also, being in nature helps kids feel calm and peaceful. Finally, playing outside is a great way to make friends and solve problems together. What would happen if more kids had the chance to explore and move freely every day?

#### **Paragraph 4**

Books can take you anywhere, even if you never leave your room. That is one reason I believe reading at home should be part of every school night. In stories like *The Wild Robot*, I got to imagine what it would be like to survive on an island all alone. Books help kids learn new words, understand different people, and explore big ideas. Reading also gives your brain a break from screens and helps you relax. Wouldn't you want to end your day with a great story?

#### **Paragraph 5**

What would you do if you found trash all over your schoolyard? I think every school should have a cleanup club. First, helping clean up teaches kids to take care of their space. Also, it feels good to be part of a team that makes a difference. Finally, schools look better and feel safer when everyone works together to keep them clean. Starting a cleanup club is one way kids can take action and show pride in their school.

#### **Paragraph 6**

Most kids eat lunch at school five days a week, so it should be something to look forward to. I believe schools should offer more choices at lunch. First, not everyone likes the same foods, and choices help kids eat better. Also, kids feel more independent when they can decide what to eat. Finally, having more lunch options could reduce food waste because kids are more likely to eat what they enjoy. Wouldn't lunchtime be more fun with meals everyone actually wants?