

A Full Year of Writing Instruction

Writer's Workshop considers every detail to ensure that all of the lessons are consistently mapped across grades and support deeper content understanding over time. As students move into higher grades, there are increased expectations for student behaviors and performance tasks as required by state standards.

Connected Instruction Aligned to Knowledge Strands

- Standards-based units—Informative, Opinion, Narrative, and Poetry
- Process writing *and* writing in response to reading
- Units aligned to Benchmark Workshop's knowledge-building topics

Week	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
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1	6 Weeks Volume 1 Launching Our Community of Writers	6 Weeks Volume 1 Writer's Workshop Kickoff Genre: Kickoff and Personal Narratives Mentor Text: <i>Baby Animals: Three Personal Narratives</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 1 Writer's Workshop Kickoff Genre: Kickoff and Personal Narratives Mentor Text: <i>Memory Moments: Writing Personal Narratives</i> (Not in Reader's Workshop)	4 Weeks Volume 1 Writer's Workshop Kickoff	4 Weeks Volume 1 Writer's Workshop Kickoff	4 Weeks Volume 1 Writer's Workshop Kickoff
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5	6 Weeks Volume 2 Writing About the World Around Us Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>My Desert Home</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 2 Writing Books That Teach Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>A Mountain Gorilla Grows Up</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 2 Writing About Places Near and Far Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>Places Near and Far</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 2 Nonfiction with Words and Graphics Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>Animal Characteristics</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 2 Writing as a Naturalist Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>In the Wild</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)	6 Weeks Volume 2 Writing as a Scientist Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>Partners in Survival</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1)
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9	5 Weeks Volume 3 Writing Books with Patterns Genre: Pattern Books Mentor Text: <i>I Can</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 2)	6 Weeks Volume 3 Tales About Favorite Characters Genre: Stories Mentor Text: <i>Wolfie the Bunny</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 2)	6 Weeks Volume 3 Enchanted Tales Genre: Tales Mentor Text: <i>Characters Learn and Grow</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 2)	6 Weeks Volume 3 Personal Narratives Inspire Realistic Fiction Genre: Personal Narratives and Realistic Fiction Mentor Text: <i>Characters Shape Their Stories</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 2)	6 Weeks Volume 3 Writing Fan Fiction Genre: Fiction Mentor Text: <i>Characters in Focus</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 2)	6 Weeks Volume 3 Stories of Growing Up Genre: Memoirs Mentor Text: <i>Developing Relationships</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 1 and Unit 2)
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13	6 Weeks Volume 4 Writing Our Own Stories Genre: Personal Narratives Mentor Text: <i>Knuffle Bunny</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 4)	6 Weeks Volume 4 Writing Reviews Genre: Opinion Texts Mentor Text: <i>The Lost Kitten</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 4)	3 Weeks Volume 4 Poems with Perspective / Genre: Poetry Mentor Text: <i>Different Characters, Different Points of View</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 4)	6 Weeks Volume 4 Expressing Our Opinions Genre: Speeches Mentor Text: <i>We the People</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 3)	6 Weeks Volume 4 Writing to Persuade, Argue, and Advise Genre: Persuasive Essays Mentor Text: <i>Robot Revolution</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 5)	6 Weeks Volume 4 Writing as a Historian Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>Our Changing Constitution</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 3)
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17	5 Weeks Volume 5 Sharing Our Opinions Genre: Opinion Texts Mentor Text: <i>Teachers Are Important</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 5)	3 Weeks Volume 5 Poems That Describe Our World Genre: Poetry/Mentor Text: <i>The World Through a Poet's Eye</i> (Not in Reader's Workshop)	6 Weeks Volume 5 Stating Our Opinions Genre: Opinion Texts Mentor Text: <i>Technology and Invention</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 5)	2 Weeks Volume 5 Test-Taking as a Genre	2 Weeks Volume 5 Test-Taking as a Genre	2 Weeks Volume 5 Test-Taking as a Genre
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21	5 Weeks Volume 6 Writing Expertise Books Genre: Informational Texts Mentor Text: <i>How to Make a Solar Oven</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 5)	6 Weeks Volume 6 Writing How-To Collections Genre: How-To's Mentor Text: <i>From Pine Tree to Pizza Box</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 9)	6 Weeks Volume 6 Sharing Our Expertise Genre: Writing as Experts Mentor Text: <i>Making, Buying, and Selling</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 9)	3 Weeks Volume 6 Poetry from the Heart / Genre: Poetry Mentor Text: <i>Different Perspectives, Different Points of View</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 4)	3 Weeks Volume 6 Poetry to Fight Injustice / Genre: Poetry Mentor Text: <i>Heroes and Villains</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 6)	6 Weeks Volume 6 Taking a Stand for Our Future Genre: Arguments Mentor Text: <i>Innovation in a Changing World</i> (Reader's Workshop - Unit 5)
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