"Words are our most inexhaustible source of magic."

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Mission Statement

We commit to inspiring and empowering all students in Randolph schools to reach their full potential as unique, responsible and educated members of a global society.

Affirmative Action Statement Equality and Equity in Curriculum

The Randolph Township School district ensures that the district's curriculum and instruction are aligned to the state's standards. The curriculum provides equity in instruction, educational programs and provides all students the opportunity to interact positively with others regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status.

N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(b): Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; N.J.S.A. 10:5; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

EDUCATIONAL GOALS VALUES IN EDUCATION

The statements represent the beliefs and values regarding our educational system. Education is the key to self-actualization, which is realized through achievement and self-respect. We believe our entire system must not only represent these values, but also demonstrate them in all that we do as a school system.

We believe:

- The needs of the child come first
- Mutual respect and trust are the cornerstones of a learning community
- The learning community consists of students, educators, parents, administrators, educational support personnel, the community and Board of Education members
- A successful learning community communicates honestly and openly in a non-threatening environment
- Members of our learning community have different needs at different times. There is openness to the challenge of meeting those needs in professional and supportive ways
- Assessment of professionals (i.e., educators, administrators and educational support personnel) is a dynamic process that requires review and revision based on evolving research, practices and experiences
- Development of desired capabilities comes in stages and is achieved through hard work, reflection and ongoing growth

Introduction

Reading is an interaction with a text during which the reader uses a variety of resources within the text (i.e. words, pictures, graphic elements, etc.) and within themselves (schema, skills, strategies) to make meaning. The kindergarten reading curriculum has been designed to support the workshop approach to teaching and learning, while responding to the requirements in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for kindergarten. As students explore the exciting world of books, poetry, various genres of texts and play, they will become part of a reading community which will help them to develop an interest in reading and a love of books. Through developmentally appropriate practices, students engage in Reader's Workshop, Shared Reading, Read Alouds and Choice Time to foster progress from recognizing environmental print, letter-sound recognition, one-to-one correspondence, to reading for meaning, building fluency and comprehension skills. Students grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally as they focus on partnerships and collaboration to foster rich conversations and powerful ideas.

Curriculum Pacing Chart

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	UNIT NUMBER	READING- UNIT OF STUDY	
4 weeks	I	Launching Reader's Workshop: Building Habits and Routines	
5 weeks	II	We Are Readers: Familiarity Breeds Confidence	
5 weeks	III	Readers Have Superpowers: Developing Print Strategies	
4 weeks	IV	Flexing Muscles: Growing with Just Right Books	
5 weeks	V	Avid Readers: Gaining Knowledge Through Informational Text	
5 weeks	VI	Books Empower Us: Discovering Opinions About Stories and Topics	
8 weeks	VII	Becoming Better Readers: Taking Risks	

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	UNIT NUMBER	WRITING- UNIT OF STUDY	
4 weeks	I	Launching the Writers Workshop: Living Like Writers	
5 weeks	II	Show and Tell: Writers Share What They Know and Love	
6 weeks	III	Writers Are Brave: Learning to Write Narratives	
5 weeks	IV	Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books	
5 weeks	V	Writers Share What They Know: All About Books	
6 weeks	VI	Writing is Power: Writers Use Their Words to Make Change	
5 weeks	VII	Writers Are Brave: Taking Risks in Writing	

Curriculum Crosswalk

ELA- Kindergarten

	September	October	Nov	vember	December	January	February	Ma	rch	April	May	June
Kindergarten Reading	Launching Readers Workshop: Building Habits and Routines	We Are Readers: Familiarity Breeds Confidence		Supe Devel	ders Have erpowers: oping Print rategies	Flexing Muscles: Growing with Just Right Books	Avid Readers Growing Knowledge thro Informational T	ugh	Us: Di our C about S	Empower scovering Opinions and opics		Better Readers: ng Risks
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Kindergarten Writing	Launching the Writers Workshop: Living like Writers	Show and To Writers Sha what they Know and Love	are	Learni Na	s are Brave: ng to Write rratives	Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books	Writers Share What They Know: All About Books	W	riting is riters us Vords to Chan	e Their Make ge	Risks in (C	Brave: Taking Our Writing Open)
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TRANSFER: Enjoy reading various genres for a variety of purposes.				
STANDARDS / GOALS: RL.K.1 -With prompting and support, ask and answer	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS		
questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers read for a variety of purposes.	Why do people read?		
RL.K.2 - With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how). RL.K.3- With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.	Readers contribute to establishing a reading Community through sharing and discussion.	How do readers share what they are reading?		
RL.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:		
RL.K.5- Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	Routines of Readers Workshop help build a successful reading community.	Demonstrate reading behaviors in private and partner reading areas.		
RL.K.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story		Participate in interactive read aloud/shared reading procedures.		
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).	Shared reading develops word knowledge and	Take part in a mini-lesson. Participate in choral reading through use of big		
RL.K.9 - With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.	fluency.	books, songs, or enlarged text written on chart paper.		
		Identify and demonstrate effective listening behaviors.		

RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	Read alouds create a sense of community.	Build comprehension and vocabulary through read aloud and shared reading.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Shared reading includes vocabulary talk, questioning and higher-level comprehension	Follow a shared reading routine with assistance.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	skills.	
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.	Shared reading models and explains how readers	Demonstrate thinking aloud during shared reading, partner reading and private reading.
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	think while they are reading.	Practice thinking and acting like readers.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.	Some words have end parts that sound the same.	Hear and say rhyming words in poems and songs.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).		Identify words that rhyme through pictures or letters.
RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension skills.		Connect and generate words that rhyme.
W.K.1- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing	Letters make up words.	Recognize word boundaries by attending to the beginning and ending of a word.
about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is).		Locate the first and last letters of words.
of book (e.g., ivi) lavolite book is).	Words are made up of syllables.	Hear, say and clap the parts in a word to determine the words size.

W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.	Names can be studied for letters and sounds.	Engage in name recognition and association of first sounds to other words.
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Characters come alive through dialogue.	Identify and write words/pictures with the same first sound. Incorporate the exact character dialogue to make the characters come alive from familiar texts.
W.K.8 - With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.		Explain more of the story and use special connecting words to make their familiar texts
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.		sound better. Move from mini lesson spots to independent/partner reading areas independently.
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	Readers practice reading every day in a variety of ways to learn about the world.	Meet and practice strategies for partner reading.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.		Model reading in a reading community.
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.	Caring for books shows respect for the community of readers.	Choose books from the classroom library and properly return them.
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	It is important for readers to choose a wide variety of genres and authors to explore their reading identity.	Explore a variety of books based on interest.

SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	To read a book properly, a reader must follow certain protocols.	Identify the orientation and layout of a text.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		Distinguish the front and back cover of a book.
L.K.1- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or		Read sentences from left to right.
speaking.		Match words with one to one correspondence.
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		Describe and discuss pictures and point out the words.
	Understand the concept of a sentence.	Identify the beginning/ending of a sentence.
		Recognize a sentence as being made up of words, spaces and ending punctuation.
		Demonstrate directional, return and sweep.
		Monitor reading for punctuation.
	Books are created by an author and an illustrator.	Define the role of the author and illustrator in telling the story with assistance.
	Independent reading follows and routine.	Demonstrate the ability to focus on reading/picture walk.

	Model a seated position to establish focus and routines.
Early reading strategies help readers enjoy books.	Model reading with a quiet voice and touch pictures as you read.
Independent reading builds reading stamina.	Select new books as needed to build stamina and read for a pre-determined amount of time.
Reading with a partner helps to develop stronger reading and collaboration skills.	Sit side by side with a book in the middle, sharing the text.
	Turn and talk with a partner to share thoughts and ideas about the book.
	Initiate accountable talk in a whole group setting.
	Engage in partner and group reading activities to grow ideas.
KEY TERMS:	
Reader's Workshop, community, accountable talk, shared reading, read-aloud, interactive writing,	
private and partner reading, see-saw read, reread, retell, emergent storybook	

Reading Unit I: Launching Readers Workshop: Building Habits and Routines

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Demonstrating knowledge of Concepts of Print
- Identifying letter sounds
- Engaging in private and partner reading (teacher observation, conferences, small groups)
- Identifying and generating rhyming words through pictures, words and letters

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Use a common word chart or wall as a reference for beginning letter sounds (ie. class name chart, shapes, colors, ect.)
- Identify environment print in the world
- Notice, in the world around us, how letters and words give us information.
- Read a book (or picture walk) from cover to cover
- Follow routines of Reader's Workshop
- Apply knowledge of words in the environment to help read a book
- Categorized books can be into different genres
- Participate in shared reading to build word knowledge, fluency and reading awareness

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:
	We Are Readers Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project, Book 1, Bend 1
	Lucy Calkins and Natalie Louis
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)

Reading Unit I: Launching Readers Workshop: Building Habits and Routines

Nursery Rhyme Flip Chart

Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM

The Reading Strategies Book

Jennifer Serravallo

Internet Links

Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop

 $\underline{http://www.readersworkshop.org\ www.scholastic.com/teachers/classroom-solutions/2011/08/read-alouds-launch-readers-workshop}$

TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com

Suggested Mentor Text:

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr.

Mrs. Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

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TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com

TRANSFER: Utilize reading behaviors acro	oss genres of text.	
STANDARDS / GOALS: RL.K.1-With prompting and support, ask and answer	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Strong readers read with purpose and understanding.	How do readers read with purpose and understanding?
RL.K.2- With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers identify details in illustrations to help retell a story.	How do readers make meaning from illustrations?
RL.K.3- With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.	Readers understand that books are created in a variety of genres for many purposes.	How do readers sort and learn from books on specific topics?
RL.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	VANOVA EDGE	CANANA C
RL.K.5- Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
RL.K.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.	A reader walks through the world on the lookout for things to read.	Recognize environmental print as a form of reading.
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which		Develop an interest in reading through the use of books and environmental print.
they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).		Demonstrate a picture walk.

RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities with	Books tell stories that progress and	Analyze illustrations to help figure out the
purpose and understanding.	connect across the pages.	important events on each page.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		Apply strategies for useding a story
and basic readiles of print.		Apply strategies for reading a story independently/orally.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		indopondonaly, ording
	Pages of a story can be connected by	Interpret the order of events by adding
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.	using transitional words.	transitional words (i.e. first, next, then, and then, finally).
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one		
letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	Pictures and words correlate.	Demonstrate looking for beginning letters sounds on a page.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with		
automaticity.		Model identifying words that relate to the pictures in the text.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap		pictures in the text.
and tap; cat and cot).		Discover that specific letters and corresponding
RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one		sounds match the pictures.
correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension		
skills. A. Read emergent-readers with purpose and understanding. B. Read grade level text for purpose and	A reader rereads their favorite books	Match their reading to the corresponding pages in
understanding.	again and again in various ways (i.e. word hunt, picture walk, retell).	their favorite story books.
W.K.2 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and		Check for meaning and understanding through
writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which		rereading text.

they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	Concept books are books about one topic (i.e. alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes).	Act out stories to build deeper meaning through rereading text.
W.K.3- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.		Discover the specific topics within various emergent story books.
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.		Organize concept books by topic.
	The strategies used in familiar story books	Apply strategies used in reading familiar books to
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	can transfer to unfamiliar story books.	unfamiliar story books.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details	Trick words are words that cannot be sounded out.	Identify and read trick words in emergent story books.
and requesting clarification if something is not understood. SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.	Pictures in a story give clues to what words are on the page.	Begin to match pictures and words within an emergent story book (e.g. Billy Goats Gruff, g for goat).
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	Participating in shared reading can demonstrate how to build meaning from our books.	Listen and respond to various texts during a shared reading experience.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		Apply strategies from shared reading to partner and private reading time.

Reading Unit II: We Are Readers: Familiarity Breeds Confidence

L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of	
standard English grammar and usage when writing or	KEY TERMS:
speaking.	KET TEKNIS:
	concept book, t

L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

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- L.K.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.
- L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.
- L.K.5 With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
- L.K.6 Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.

KEY TERMS: emergent story books, concept book, trick words, high frequency words, rereading, picture walk, transition words (first, next, then, last, finally, after that, etc.), environmental print, partner reading, private reading, dialogue, shared reading

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Retelling a familiar story book
- Participate in creating and acting out a familiar story book in Reader's Theater
- Reading trick words within the context of a book
- Identifying initial sounds in words

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

• Read various emergent story books discuss specific topics (ie. Sulzby books)

- Read a book to yourself when you have listened to the same book repeatedly and retell the story with the pictures
- Match the words that are spoken to what is happening on the pages of the books they are reading
- Read with expression to make books and characters come alive
- Turn any book into an old favorite by rereading it repeatedly
- Connect the pages of a story by adding transitional words (e.g. first, next, then, after, last, etc.)
- Learn words by heart by rereading them repeatedly within old favorite books
- Use pictures within a story to help identify words on pages
- Act out emergent story books during a 'Readers Theater"

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	5 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:
	We Are Readers Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project Bend 2
	Lucy Calkins and Natalie Luis
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)
	I Am Reading
	Kathy Collins
	Fundations Teacher's Manual
	Second Edition (continue Unit 1)
	The Reading Strategies Book

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	Jennifer Serravallo
	Nursery Rhyme Flip Chart
	Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM
	Suggested Mentor Text:
	The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
	The Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone
	Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
	Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
	The Mitten by Jan Bret
	Corduroy by Don Freeman
	The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keets
	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, by Bill Martin
	The Napping House by Audrey Wood
	The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Nemeroff
	Chicka Chicka, Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. And John Archambault
	Internet Links Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop
	http://www.readersworkshop.org
	TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com

TRANSFER: Integrate foundational skills and word learning strategies across content areas.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
RL.K.1 -With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers use strategies to prepare their minds for reading.	How does a reader get their mind ready to read?
RL.K.2- With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details (e.g., who, what, where,	There are multiple tools readers use help them figure out unknown words.	How can readers figure out unknown words?
when, why, how). RL.K.3- With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.	Discussing books adds to enjoyment, fluency and comprehension of what is read.	Why should readers discuss texts with a partner?
RL.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	<u>KNOWLEDGE</u> Students will know:	<u>SKILLS</u> Students will be able to:
RL.K.5- Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	All texts use similar print-based strategies.	Identify common print-based elements of books. (ie. direction of print, page sequencing, placement of words and
RL.K.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.		pictures).
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).	CVC words have a consonant-vowel-consonant pattern.	Manipulate phonemes with additions or substitutions in one syllable words (onsets and rhymes).

RL.K.9 -With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.	Phonemic awareness helps readers figure out unknown words.	Pronounce initial, medial and final phonemes in spoken CVC words. Blend and decode CVC words within a grade level appropriate text.
RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	unknown words.	Identify phonograms (word families) and
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Emergent story books can be compared and	rhymes as a way to read even more words. Model reading familiar emergent
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	contrasted.	storybooks, independently and collaboratively.
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		Describe the relationship between the illustrations and the story in which they
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.		appear. Compare familiar and unfamiliar books
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		independently.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the	Partners notice similarities and differences in familiar and unfamiliar books.	Share with partners connections observed in a text.
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).	Familiar and unfamiliar texts can be compared for the purpose of reading enjoyment.	Follow a story line using the illustrations as a guide.

RL.K.9 -With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.		Develop listening comprehension skills during teacher read aloud.
RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	Using pictures to activate prior knowledge can help make predictions and retell the story.	Read, think, and talk about familiar text independently and collaboratively.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		Retell stories, including, beginning, middle, and end.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	Listening is an essential element of reading.	Discuss similarities and differences between familiar texts.
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	Rereading books deepens familiarity with concepts of print and story language.	Match tone of voice to the feelings portrayed in books.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.	Reading books with various tones demonstrates understanding of a text.	Express thoughts, feelings, and ideas about familiar and unfamiliar texts.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).	KEY TERMS: Pointer power, picture power, sound power, snap	
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).	word (trick word) power, pattern power, persistence power, partner power, book talk power, familiar story books, phonogram, decode, CVC, rhyme, seesaw read, syllable, onset and rime, word family.	

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RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the writing.		
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.		
ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students wi	ll show their learning by:	
Demonstrating one to one matching, or		

Reading Unit III: Readers Have Superpowers: Developing Print Strategies

- Participating in small group lessons, shared reading, and conferences
- Demonstrating concepts of print
- Identifying High Frequency words within a text
- Demonstrating understanding of letter/sound relationship

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Use knowledge about letters, sounds and trick words to read the words on the pages of developmentally appropriate texts
- Apply superpowers to read the words on the pages (finger under each word, move across the page)
- Keep track of the words and read on each page of a book using pointer power
- Match the words read to the words written on a page
- Tap each word on a page one time, even long words
- Use songs and poems to support one to one correspondence
- Practice trick words to help readers recognize words while reading
- Help and encourage peers when reading together
- Use pointer power, picture power, sound power, pattern power, persistence power to read and tackle tricky words
- Blend consonants and vowels in a CVC pattern
- Apply knowledge of phonemic awareness to decode words within a text

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	5 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:
	Superpowers Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Book 2
	Lucy Calkins, Amanda Hartman and Elizabeth Dunford Franco
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing K

Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)
I Am Reading
Kathy Collins
Fundations Teacher's Manual
Second Edition (continue Unit 1)
The Reading Strategies Book
Jennifer Serravallo
Reading with Meaning
Debbie Miller
Nursery Rhyme Flip Chart
Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM
Suggested Mentor Text:
Books to help encourage print strategies (i.e. Game- guess the covered word);
Level A, B, C books
Little Cloud by Eric Carle
It looked like Split Milk by Charles G. Shaw
The Cooking Pot by Joy Cowley

Internet Links
Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop http://www.readersworkshop.org
TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com

Reading Unit IV: Flexing Muscles: Growing with Just Right Books

NSFER: Readers are empowered to select books of interest and read for meaning across content areas.			
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	
RL.K.1-With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers select books that meet reading needs.	How do readers pick a just righ book?	
RL.K.2- With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Retelling shows understanding and attention to detail.	Why do readers retell a story?	
RL.K.3- With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.	Partners can read and retell their books, helping each other to read with expression.	How does partner reading clarify unfamiliar text?	
RL.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	<u>KNOWLEDGE</u> Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:	
RL.K.5- Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	Just right books can be chosen for individual readers.	Select a book of interest from just right book bin.	
RL.K.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.	Readers read more challenging books by noticing changes in patterns.	Identify patterns in texts.	
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which		Analyze pattern sentences for trick words.	

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they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).	Patterns play an important role in reading.	Recognize and identify patterns in books
depicts).		to begin to read with fluency and aid in
RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.		predicting what will happen next.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		Demonstrate one to one correspondence by pointing under each word while reading.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		Scan the entire picture to tell what's
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		happening in the story and help decode unfamiliar words.
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	Reading strategies can be applied to more complex texts (i.e. trick words, BME sounds, breaking down words and sound-picture	Utilize Word Wall to identify trick words.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.	relationship).	Apply knowledge of phonics to identify beginning, middle and ending sounds in words.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).		Dissect chunks of unknown words to solve and build meaning.
RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension skills. A. Read emergent-readers with purpose and	Readers monitor texts to build meaning.	Determine an unknown word by looking at the beginning sound and seeing if it makes sense in the context of the story

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understanding. B. Read grade level text for purpose and		Monitor words for meaning, structure
understanding		and visual information.
W.V.2. Has a combination of drawing distating and	Rereading a book aids in fluency and	Reflect upon story and ask themselves
W.K.2 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in	comprehension.	"Does that make sense?"
which they name what they are writing about and supply	comprehension.	Boos that make sense.
some information about the topic.		
		Improve understanding by monitoring.
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked		
events, tell about the events in the order in which they		Reread text and utilize the scooping
occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.		technique to increase fluency.
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with	Partner reading is a tool used to clarify unfamiliar	Discuss, reread and determine story
diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	text in the book.	-
peers and address in sman and rarger groups.	text in the book.	elements (i.e. character, setting, plot,
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions		problem, solution).
(e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns		
speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		Recall and explain key story elements to
		improve comprehension.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or		Confer with a partner to practice reading
information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and		and work through unfamiliar words.
requesting clarification if something is not understood.		
		Doonaat a story using dialogue with a
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to		Reenact a story using dialogue with a
seek help, get information, or clarify something that is		partner.
not understood.		
	KEY TERMS: Just right books, pattern power,	
	dialogue, interactive writing, retell (BME),	
	comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, genre	

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SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.	
L.K.1 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	
L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.	
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	
L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Demonstrating one to one matching, decoding and fluency in reading
- Participating in small group lessons, shared reading, and conferences
- Identifying High Frequency words within a text

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- Demonstrating understanding of letter/sound relationship
- Blending words that follow the CVC spelling pattern

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Tackle harder books, by using super-powers to help with unknown words
- Identify pages in a book often have sentences that follow a pattern
- Match the words on the pages to the pictures by checking the first sound
- Apply strategies to aid when patterns break in sentences
- Help each in partnership with tricky words
- Monitor words for meaning, check to see if words make sense and sounds right
- Reread sentences when something doesn't make sense or sound right (correct the error)
- Think about what the book is saying, story to think about happens on every page, especially the end
- Retell the story with a beginning, middle and end
- Include transitional words in a story retell
- Letter-sound knowledge (decoding CVC words, beginning letter blends)

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:	
	Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles Teachers College Reading and Writing Project	
	Book 3	
	Lucy Calkins	
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K	
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)	

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The	Reading	Strategies	Book
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Jennifer Serravallo

I Am Reading

Kathy Collins

Reading with Meaning

Debbie Miller

Fundations Teacher's Manual

Second Edition (Complete Unit 1, begin Unit 2)

Suggested Mentor Text:

Pete the Cat and His 4 Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

We're Going on Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Level C books that follow and break a reading pattern

Internet Links

TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop http://www.readersworkshop.org

Reading Unit V: Avid Readers: Gaining Knowledge Through Informational Text

TRANSFER: Utilize non-fiction books to learn a variety of information that can be shared.			
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	
RI.K.1 - With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Non-fiction texts provide information on specific topics.	How can I collect new information reading books about a topic?	
RI.K.2 - With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. RI.K.3 - With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or	Readers acquire and connect new facts by reading informational text.	How do readers gather and organize information?	
pieces of information in a text. RI.K.4 -With prompting and support, ask and answer	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	
questions about unknown words in a text.	Students will know:	Students will be able to:	
RI.K.5 - Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.	The difference between fiction and non-fiction. Non-fiction books have text features.	Differentiate facts versus story. Identify the special text features of non-	
RI.K.6 -Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	TVOII-HELION BOOKS HAVE TEXT TEXTURES.	fiction: table of contents, glossary and index.	
I.K.7 - With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).		Ask and answer questions about key details with prompting and support.	

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RI.K.9 - With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).		Retell key details and identify the main topic of a text with prompting and support.
RI.K.10 - Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	Information is contained in text features. (i.e. table to contents, caption, diagram, photograph, glossary,	Use pictures and words to gather facts. Interpret information from illustrations,
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	index).	diagrams, and graphs in text.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	Non-Fiction books have a main idea.	Classify and categorize new information learned.
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		Describe the connection between pieces of information in a text with prompting
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.		and support.
	Non-fiction books provide a way to explore interests, passions and questions.	Examine and discuss the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.	interests, passions and questions.	with prompting and support.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).	When sharing what they have learned, Non-fiction texts require specific vocabulary.	Explain what they have learned to other people using "fancy words".
RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension skills. A. Read emergent-readers with purpose and	Sounds in a word can be changed to make a new word (i.e., not-hot)	Manipulate the initial, medial and final sound in a CVC spelling pattern to reate a new word (ie. cat-bat, sit-set, his-him)

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understanding. B. Read grade level text for purpose and understanding.	Sounds in a word can be blended together to decode an unknown word.	Tap out three and four phoneme words (CVC, CCVC, CVCC) (ie. pig, chip,
W.K.2 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply		cash)
some information about the topic.		Hear and say parts of words. Identify, isolate, and manipulate
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.		individual sounds in a word.
1	KEY TERMS: Non-fiction, main idea, text feature (table	
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	to contents, diagram, caption, photograph, index), topic, fancy words, consonant, vowel, digraph	
W.K.7- Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).		
W.K.8 -With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or		
gather information from provided sources to answer a question.		
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.		

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SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions		
(e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns		
speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or		
information presented orally or through other media by		
asking and answering questions about key details and		
requesting clarification if something is not understood.		
requesting ciarrication it something is not understood.		
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help,		
get information, or clarify something that is not		
understood.		
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and		
events and, with prompting and support, provide		
additional detail.		
SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to		
descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.		
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SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings,		
and ideas clearly.		
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of		
standard English grammar and usage when writing or		
speaking.		
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of		
standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling		
when writing.		
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L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown	
and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on	
kindergarten reading and content.	
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed,	
-s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	
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L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore	
word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	
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L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through	
conversations, reading and being read to, and responding	
to texts.	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Demonstrating one to one matching, decoding and fluency in reading
- Participating in small group lessons, shared reading, and conferences
- Demonstrating concepts of print
- Identifying High Frequency words within a text
- Demonstrating understanding of letter/sound relationship
- Manipulating sounds in various spelling patterns

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Blending, segmenting and manipulating sounds in spelling patterns to help read tricky words
- Use non-fiction books learn/teach about a topic
- Non-fiction books have information that can be shared and taught to others
- Learn even more about a topic by using text features
- Find other books that related to the same topic

Reading Unit V: Avid Readers: Gaining Knowledge Through Informational Text

Compare and contracts information	in non-fiction books
 Find similarities and differences in i 	nformation books
 Notice that non-fiction books are org 	ganized and read differently than fiction books
 Identify a main idea and facts in non 	n-fiction books
SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	5 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources
	Becoming Avid Readers Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Bend 2
	Lucy Calkins and Christina Holley
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)
	The Reading Strategies Book
	Jennifer Serravallo
	Reading with Meaning
	Debbie Miller
	Fundations Teacher's Manual
	Second Edition (Complete Unit 2)
	Lucy Calkins Resource CD-ROM
	Suggested Mentor Text:

Reading Unit V: Avid Readers: Gaining Knowledge Through Informational Text

How to Play Soccer
Various All About Information Books
Internet Links Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop
http://www.readersworkshop.org
TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com

TRANSFER: Readers form opinions based on interest and understanding of text.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
RI.K.1 - With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Readers use prior knowledge to build connections and form opinions from a text.	How do readers form an opinion?
RI.K.2 - With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	Opinions are supported with information from texts.	 How does reading influence an opinion? How does reading support building opinions?
RI.K.3 - With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS
RI.K.4 -With prompting and support, ask and answer	Students will know:	Students will be able to:
questions about unknown words in a text.	Opinions can be formed about familiar and	Identify developmentally appropriate words to
RI.K.5 - Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.	unfamiliar texts using prior knowledge.	describe feelings.
RI.K.6 -Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or		Discuss feelings and thoughts about a text.
information in a text.		React to books and share their reactions with a
RI.K.7 - With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which		partner.
they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).	Opinion statements can be composed and written.	Write and elaborate on an opinion using sentence starters (i.e. I disagree, because, on the
RI.K.9 - With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the		other hand, I agree with you, why do you think you).

same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).		Name a topic and state an opinion.
procedures).	Opinions can be supported with reasons.	Create post it notes expressing a feeling or
RI.K.10 - Actively engage in group reading activities		opinion about a part of a text (i.e. favorite part,
with purpose and understanding.		funny part etc.)
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization		
and basic features of print.		Refer to post it notes within a text and explain
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words,		their feelings and opinions.
syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		
DEV. A		Defend an opinion statement with a reason from
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		a text or life experience.
	Information from vorying taxts can be	Co greate a shored comparison model (i.e. Venn
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the	Information from varying texts can be compared.	Co-create a shared comparison model (i.e. Venn Diagram).
most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	compared.	Diagram).
DEWAG D. HILLS		Formulate opinions and engage in accountable
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		book talk.
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g.,	Spelling patterns indicate when a vowel is	Identify and sort long and short vowel sounds.
nap and tap; cat	long or short.	, o
and cot).		Recognize words with CVCe pattern as being
RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one		long vowel words. (ie. rip-ripe)
correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension		
skills. A. Read emergent-readers with purpose and understanding. B. Read grade level text for purpose and	Two consonant letters that represent one	Read words with digraphs (ch, sh, th, wh).
understanding.	sound are called digraphs.	

W.K.1- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and	KEY TERMS: opinion, feeling, express,	
writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing	believe, like, compare, contrast, vowel, digraph.	
about and state an opinion or preference about the topic		
or book (e.g., My favorite book is).		
W.K.2- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and		
writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in		
which they name what they are writing about and supply		
some information about the topic.		
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and		
writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked		
events, tell about the events in the order in which they		
occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.		
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection		
using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding		
details).		
W.K.7 - Participate in shared research and writing		
projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite		
author and express opinions about them).		
W.K.8- With guidance and support from adults, recall		
information from experiences or gather information from		
provided sources to answer a question.		
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with		
diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with		
peers and adults in small and larger groups.		

SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for	
discussions(e.g., listening to others with care and taking	
turns speaking about the topics and texts under	
discussion).	
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or	
information presented orally or through other media by	
asking and answering questions about key details and	
requesting clarification if something is not understood.	
requesting charmeation it something is not understood.	
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help,	
get information, or clarify something that is not	
understood.	
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and	
events and, with prompting and support, provide	
additional detail.	
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SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to	
descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings,	
and ideas clearly.	
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of	
standard English grammar and usage when writing or	
speaking.	
speaking.	
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of	
standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling	
when writing.	

Reading Unit VI: Books Empower Us: Discovering Opinions About Stories and Topics

L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown	
and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on	
kindergarten reading and content.	
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	
L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	
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ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Demonstrating one to one matching, decoding, fluency and comprehension in reading
- Participating in small group lessons, shared reading, and conferences
- Identifying high frequency words within a text
- Demonstrating understanding of letter/sound

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Form an opinion about a book based on their prior knowledge and feelings
- React to a text
- Share opinions and emotions about books with reading partners.
- Use a post it to record thinking about the evets in a book (ie. heart=love)
- There are many emotions that can be expressed (not just happy and sad)
- Set goals to help them reflect and continue growing

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Collaborate with reading partners dVowels can be long and short	luring reading play dates
• Vowers can be long and short	
SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	5 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Becoming Avid Readers Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Bend 1
	Lucy Calkins and Christine Holley
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)
	The Reading Strategies Book
	Jennifer Serravallo
	Fundations Teachers Manual
	Second Edition
	Suggested Mentor Texts
	Not Norman by Kelly Bennet
	I Wanna Iguanna by Karen Kaufman Orloff
	The Lorax by Dr Seuss
	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
	Duck! Rabbit! By Amy Krauss Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld

Click, Clack, Moo, Cows that Type by Doreen Cronin

Internet Links
TCRWP-Teachers College Reading & Writing Project http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com
Links to videos, class sites, strategies for Reader's Workshop http://www.readersworkshop.org

TRANSFER: Readers read for meaning across a variety of topics and genres.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
RL.K.1-With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers use all they know about reading to become stronger readers.	What strategies can be used to become a better reader?
RL.K.2- With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Readers become more independent by setting goals and taking risks.	What risks can be taken when reading to become more independent?
RL.K.3- With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story. RL.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	Knowledge of genres can help in understanding a topic.	Where do readers find more information about a topic?
RL.K.5- Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
RL.K.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.	Readers reflect on their reading and set new reading goals.	Construct reading goals based on individual strengths and needs.
RL.K.7- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration	Panding for magning is assential to understanding	Self-assess progress towards a set goal. Plan and act out stories based on close
depicts).	Reading for meaning is essential to understanding all genres of literature.	reading.

RL.K.9-With prompting and support, compare and		Design and construct story plays using
contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in		
familiar stories.		characters, setting and plot.
RL.K.10- Actively engage in group reading activities		
with purpose and understanding.		Discuss the importance of plot and setting
		in a story.
RI.K.1 - With prompting and support, ask and answer		
questions about key details in a text.		Determine the metal main the starm (i.e.
RI.K.2 - With prompting and support, identify the main		Determine characters in the story (i.e.
topic and retell key details of a text.		main character, secondary characters).
RI.K.3 - With prompting and support, describe the		Compare and contrast characters and
connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or		make connections to self.
pieces of information in a text.		
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RI.K.4 -With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.		Identify the problem and solution in a
questions about annio wit words in a text.		text.
RI.K.5 - Identify the front cover, back cover, and title		
page of a book.	Following poetry's rhythm supports practice is to	Identify that punctuation marks create
	fluency and expression.	expression in reading.
RI.K.6 -Name the author and illustrator of a text and		
define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.		Model reading with expression and
information in a text.		intonation.
RI.K.7 - With prompting and support, describe the		
relationship between illustrations and the text in which		Discover rhyme and rhythm in a poem.
they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the		Discover mythe and mythin in a poem.
text an illustration depicts).		
		Demonstrate feelings and expression while
		reading a poem.

RI.K.8 - With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.	Reading with stamina builds reading ability.	Improve amount of independent reading time.
RI.K.9 - With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).		Develop a time goal and use tools to monitor progress (i.e. clock, sand timer, etc.).
RI.K.10 - Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.		Demonstrate and express a purpose for rereading books.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Reading across genres contributes to a deeper understanding of a topic.	Compare and contract fiction and non-fiction texts on a similar topic.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	understanding of a topic.	•
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		Create models to compile similarities and differences among texts.
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.		Recall and elaborate on prior knowledge to build deeper understanding of a topic using non-fiction books.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).	KEY TERMS: reading goals, plot, setting, character, problem, solution, compare, contrast, connection, rhyme, rhythm, stamina, genre, venn diagram, similar, different	

RF.K.4 - Read emergent texts with one-to-one	
correspondence to develop fluency and comprehension	
skills. A. Read emergent-readers with purpose and	
understanding. B. Read grade level text for purpose and	
understanding.	
understanding.	
W.K.1 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and	
writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a	
reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing	
about and state an opinion or preference about the topic	
or book (e.g., My favorite book is).	
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and	
writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked	
events, tell about the events in the order in which they	
occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.	
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults,	
strengthen writing through response and self-reflection	
using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding	
details).	
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with	
diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with	
peers and adults in small and larger groups.	
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SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions	
(e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns	
speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	
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SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or	
information presented orally or through other media by	

asking and answering questions about key details and	
requesting clarification if something is not understood.	
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.	
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	
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SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.	
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	

Reading Unit VII: Becoming Better Readers: Taking Risks

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Demonstrating one to one matching, decoding, fluency and comprehension in reading
- Participating in small group lessons, shared reading, and conferences
- Identifying High Frequency words within a text
- Demonstrating understanding of letter/sound relationship
- Self-assessing reading by monitoring given reading goals for growth and understanding

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Apply reading strategies to tackle tricky words within a text
- Choosing bigger books for reading allows for bigger risks to be taken during private and partner reading time
- Choose books across a variety of genres based on interest
- Use a reading goal to focus on select skills during private and partner reading
- Build reading stamina by reading for even longer periods of time
- Build reading fluency by reading a book like you've always known it
- Re-read a book to practice making the sentences smooth
- Identify and stop at ending punctuation
- Summarize what is most important in a story
- Use the setting of a story to find clues for comprehension
- Think about what is happening in the story to build comprehension
- Utilize characters in the story to help build understanding of feelings
- Read poems to build rhythm and fluency
- Notice the words and vocabulary in a poem to build meaning
- Monitor reading progress using learning and goals

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT

8 weeks

SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Becoming Avid Readers Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Bend 3
	Lucy Calkins, Majorie Martinelli and Christine Holley
	The Reading Strategies Book
	Jen Serravallo (Resource for support small group instruction and individualize reading goals)
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn (refer for mentor text)
	English was Too show Mannel
	Fundations Teachers Manual
	Second Edition
	Suggested Mentor Texts
	Not Norman by Kelly Bennett
	Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems
	Any other classroom favorites

Introduction

The kindergarten writing curriculum has been designed to support the workshop approach to teaching and learning, while authentically fostering the expectations in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for kindergarten. The standards state that young children deserve the opportunity and experience of writing at least four types of text: personal narratives, how-to books, all about books, and opinion writing. Students participate in a variety of writing activities throughout the day; Writers Workshop, Shared Writing, Interactive Writing, and Choice Time which grow their writing knowledge and enrich their lives as writers. Through use of developmentally appropriate practices students learn to take risks as writers, first by sketching and drawing, then labeling illustrations with letters or words and finally expressing their thoughts and feelings in the form of words to make sentences. Students use all they know about letters, sounds and words to transform their thoughts into stories. In this regard, kindergarten serves as an important starting point from which they develop a lifelong love of writing.

TRANSFER: Express ideas through writte	TRANSFER: Express ideas through written expression.	
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.	Writing and illustrating is a form of communication.	 How do writers share ideas through writing? What relationship do reading and writing have?
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Writers write for a variety of purposes.	 Why is the writing process important? Why do writers write?
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	Writers follow a routine in writing workshop.	Find and use writing supplies independently.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and		Utilize writing folders as part of the writing process and procedures.
requesting clarification if something is not understood.	Mini-lessons are sort lessons where readers learn about strategies to grow as a writer.	Develop expectations of a mini lessons participant.

Writers are a part of a writing community.	Generate ideas through class discussion.
	Move from mini lesson spots to writing areas independently.
A name is composed of letters which makes a word.	Write their name successfully.
Words can begin with the same letter sound.	Connect the first letter in a name to the
	same first sound in another word (ie. Mary, make, mud).
Words can be put together to make a message.	Compose a meaningful message with multiple words.
Writers picture what they want to write about first and then put all of the details onto the page.	Brainstorm topics to tell their stories.
	Visualize their story and practice telling it to a partner.
Writers write about topics they know a lot about.	Tell what they know about a topic through pictures and/or words.
	A name is composed of letters which makes a word. Words can begin with the same letter sound. Words can be put together to make a message. Writers picture what they want to write about first and then put all of the details onto the page.

L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	Writers can tell a story through both pictures and words.	Describe a personal event through illustration and labeling.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Writers look back at their writing/drawing and see if they can add more detail.	Review and extend their writing pieces by adding additional details through
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		illustrations or labeling.
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.	Stories are told over multiple pages.	Plan stories by touching each page and talking about what is happening in the story in logical sequence.
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	Editing writing helps make it the best it can be.	Extend writing by answering who, what, and where.
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		Maka usa of speech bubbles to add
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g.,		Make use of speech bubbles to add dialogue to stories.
nap and tap; cat and cot).		Self-evaluate writing by rereading and rewriting, if necessary.
		Add details through words and/or pictures.
		Participate in group decisions about revising a text.

Writing Unit I: Launching the Writers Workshop: Living Like Writers

	Utilize a checklist to make writing stronger and clearer to readers.
Writers celebrate accomplishments by sharing work.	Share a text with peers to celebrate each piece by reading it aloud to others.
KEY TERMS: Writer's workshop, topic, brainstorm, touch and tell, editing, mini-lesson, checklist, details, illustration, label	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing during writers workshop each day, teacher will monitor with formative/anecdotal assessments (data collected during small group, 1:1 conferences, active engagement, and share time)
- Writing about a given topic in an on demand writing sample (TCRWP Narrative Writing Rubric)
- Publishing writing pieces and monitor own progress (Writing Checklist)

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Establish and follow routines of Writer's Workshop
- Generate ideas on paper by using pictures and words to help share thoughts
- Plan story patterns by participating in shared writing and utilizing mentor texts as a tool
- Say words slowly, write down the sounds to words that they hear

- Reread writing to generate more content to add more to it and revise Collaborate with others as a means for making writing stronger and content to add more to it and revise

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:
	Launching the Writing Workshop Teachers College Reading and Writing Project
	Lucy Calkins
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn
	The Writing Strategies Book
	Jen Serravallo
	Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM
	Suggested Mentor Text:
	Freight Train by Donald Crews
	Creak! Said the Bed by Phyllis Root
	Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed by Mo Willems
	The Dot by Peter Reynolds
	Ish by Peter Reynolds
	A Squiggly Story by Andrew Larsen

TRANSFER: Demonstrate confidence through writing about passions and interests.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.2- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	Writers draw, label and write about things they love.	How do writers share and express their love about a topic?
W.K.3- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	Writers gain confidence by increasing writing volume and taking risks in spelling.	How can knowledge of phonics patterns empower writing?
L.K.1- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Writers apply letter/sound and trick word knowledge to create sentences.	How do writers apply word knowledge to sentence creation in order to communicate an idea?
L.K.1A- Print many upper-and lowercase letters		
L.K.1.B- Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	<u>SKILLS</u> Students will be able to:
L.K.1.E- Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g. to, from, in, out, on, off, for, of, by, with)	Writers gain inspiration for writing by selecting well-loved topics to write about.	Share interests in a "show-and-tell" manner with a partner to launch writing.
L.K.1F-Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.	Drawing and writing can be planned to develop clear thoughts.	Plan stories by touching each page and talking about what is happening in the
L.K.2- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing.	cical moughts.	story.

L.K.2A- Capitalize the first word in a sentence. L.K.2B- Recognize and name end punctuation.	Writers and illustrators make decisions in the layout of print and drawings to convey the meaning of a text.	Map out placement of drawing and writing in a variety of ways.
L.K.2C- write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes) L.K.2D- Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.	Writers draw or write everything they want to share with their audience (with pictures and words).	Construct writing pieces inclusive of important information and details on an overarching topic.
RF.K.1-Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Letters are grouped into words.	Attend to word boundaries and insert spaces between words.
SL.K.1- Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>kindergarten topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups.		Label illustrations with letters or words.
SL.K.1.A- Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the	Words can be stretched out by saying a word slowly and writing heard sounds.	Identify initial and final consonant sounds to write words.
topics and texts under discussion). SL.K.2- Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or		Persist with stretching out difficult words.
information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.	Words can be grouped to form a sentence.	Identify a sentence versus a word or a letter.
SL.K.3 Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.		Combine words to build sentences with spaces between words.

SL.K.4- Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.		Produce patterned sentences that contain trick words (i.e. I see a cat, I see a dog, I see a bird).
SL.K.5-Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	Writers write sentences from left to right to tell what pictures and labels cannot.	Compose sentences from left to right that tell important details about pictures and
SL.K.6- Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		labels.
	Writers develop the habit of revision by returning to a page to add more.	Elaborate on illustrations by picturing them and adding more details, part by part.
		Add longer labels to give more details to illustrations.
	Similar information can be grouped together in a story to organize text.	Categorize and put together related details on a topic in a relative order.
	Books end with a big idea to leave the reader satisfied.	Create an ending by following patterns of mentor texts.
	Partners can help each other celebrate success and add more.	Share writing with a partner to gain feedback.
		Provide a partner with feedback.

Writing Unit II: Show and Tell: Writers Share What They Know and Love

KEY TERMS: patterns, talk time, brave spellers, snap words, show and tell, illustrator, writing partners, interactive writing, revision	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing during writers workshop each day, teacher will monitor with formative/anecdotal assessments (data collected during small group, 1:1 conferences, active engagement, and share time)
- Writing about a given topic in an on-demand writing sample (TCRWP Narrative Writing Rubric)
- Publishing writing pieces and monitor own progress (Writing Checklist)

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Plan, draw, and write with detail (plan a drawing, sketch it quickly, add details, then add several labels)
- Return to writing to put more on the page
- Spell words using resources around the room (name wall, alphabet chart, snap word chart)
- Work with a writing partner to provide peer feedback (put one 'book' in the middle, read and talk, ask questions, add more)
- Identify and say a sentence that tells what the page is about
- Choose a topic and write a whole book across pages about that topic
- Plan out where illustrations and writing will go on the paper
- Expand on ideas to write longer labels and sentences to say what pictures can't
- Write about places and things that are important to the writer
- Talk and write about books using a pattern of words
- Insert spaces between words to make sentences easy to read

Think about how books will end and include an ending page		
SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	5 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Show and Tell From Labels to Pattern Books If/Then Unit	
	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project	
	Lucy Calkins, Marie Mounteer and Lizzie Hetzer	
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K	
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn	
	The Writing Strategies Book	
	Jen Serravallo	
	Suggested Mentor Texts:	
	My Fridge: My First Book of Foods (Duopress Labs)	
	Ultimate Book of Vehicles: From Around the World by Anne-Sophoe Baumann	
	My First Farm: Let's Get Working! By Dawn Sirett	

Writing Unit III: Writers Are Brave: Learning to Write Narratives

TRANSFER: Utilize knowledge of literature mentor texts to write about topics and events.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.	Writers use personal experiences to write stories.	 What personal experiences help us write? How can writing be planned?
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection	Writers use tools and strategies to write clearly.	What strategies can be used to write powerful stories?
using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Writers use strategies to sound out unfamiliar words.	What strategies can be used to spell new words?
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	KNOWLEDGE	<u>SKILLS</u>
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions	Students will know:	Students will be able to:
(e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	Writers are capable of producing powerful and readable true stories.	Utilize old anchor charts on narrative writing and use them in their new writing.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.	Details give information about a topic and enhance the story.	Improve narratives by adding details to drawings and maximizing sentence structure to draw interest from the reader.
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.	A mentor text is a resource used to help organize and improve writing.	Compose stronger leads and endings by imitating mentor texts.

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SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.		Utilize a narrative writing checklist to monitor progress and enhance writing.
SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	The word wall can be referenced when writing as a resource to spell high frequency words.	Find and apply words from the word wall in writing.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.	Short vowel sounds make up the middle of words when following the spelling pattern consonant-vowel-consonant.	Develop conventional spelling habits by allotting a space for vowels.
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		Apply knowledge of how vowels work to help write the middle of words.
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		Write words using word chunks and word family knowledge (i.e. fit, sit, split).
L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.	Words are made up of more than one sound.	Utilize strategies of sounds knowledge to attempt spelling of unknown words.
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	Writers include storytelling words in their writing.	Use more specific transition words to strengthen writing.
L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	Working with a partner can aid in the writing process and add a new perspective to our stories.	Modify stories with help from a partner.

Writing Unit III: Writers Are Brave: Learning to Write Narratives

L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.		Take part in questioning the writer's work to help clarify and improve writing.
RI.K.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	Published writing is to be shared and celebrated.	Enhance writing piece for publication by adding color, fixing messy words, and
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		adding bits to their pictures.
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	KEY TERMS: narrative, checklist, vowels, storytelling, true stories, beginning, middle, end, revision, edit, word wall, word family, publish	
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.		
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).		

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing a narrative story across pages (TCRWP Narrative Rubric)
- Writing a story and indicating who was there, what they did, and how the characters felt (Narrative Writing Checklist)
- Utilizing word resources to spell unknown words (word wall, language words, name chart)

Writing Unit III: Writers Are Brave: Learning to Write Narratives

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Plan across pages and say and sketch how the story will go (who, what, where)
- Reread to put writing in story order (beginning, middle, end)
- Ask "Does this make sense?" "Does it look right?" "Does it sound right?" and fix any writing that does not make sense, look right, or sound right.
- Stretching out words to hear vowel sounds and writing a vowel in every word
- Add feelings, action, and dialogue in stories
- Apply skills from mentor texts to improve writing
- Collaborate with partners by asking "where" "how" and "why" questions to help writers discover what can be added or fixed

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	6 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:	
	Narrative: Writing for Readers Unit 1 Teachers College Reading and Writing Project	
	Lucy Calkins	
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K	
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn	
	The Writing Strategies Book	
	Jen Serravallo	
	Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM	
	Suggested Mentor Text:	
	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems	

Writing Unit III: Writers Are Brave: Learning to Write Narratives

A Chair For My Mother by Vera B. Williams
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Koala Lou by Mem Fox

Writing Unit IV: Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books

TRANSFER: Use words and illustrations to teach others.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.2 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply	Writers often teach an audience about a familiar topic.	How do writers write to teach others?
w.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults,	How to books guide the reader through a step by step process.	Why do we share information with others?
strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Writers use their spelling patterns to spell new words.	How can we use spelling patterns to spell new words?
W.K.8- With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	Writers gather information through mentor texts and prior knowledge.	Study the kinds of writing they plan to write.
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	How to books follow a step-by-step process on a specific topic.	Arrange their topic using the touch and tell strategy.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.		Use the word "you" in writing their how-to-books.

Writing Unit IV: Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books

SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.	Trick word knowledge can be used to help spell words conventionally.	Reference the word wall to fluently write known trick words.
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.		Accurately spell trick words with one, two or three letters.
SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	Words can be segmented into parts or phonemes to hear individual sounds.	Segment and write the sounds in a three-sound word.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.	Some words follow the spelling pattern consonant,	Recognize and write the consonant-
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	vowel, consonant. Spelling potterns evict in similar anding sound	vowel-consonant (CVC) pattern.
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Spelling patterns exist in similar ending sound words.	Identify and write words with ending phonemes (vowel-consonant patterns, ie. Word families).
L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.		Make new words by changing the first letter between the pattern (i.e., Cat-sat-hat).
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	A well-known topic is needed in order to write a how to text.	Provide many facts about a well-known topic.

Writing Unit IV: Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books

L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	Mentor texts improve our writing.	Study mentor how to books as models for writing.
 L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts. RI.K.10 - Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding. RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization 	Writers write how-to-books about things they learn throughout the day and from books, keeping audience in mind. Writers provide feedback to other writers.	Write how to books to teach about the world. Label diagrams to teach more about a topic. Revise our how to books with partners to
and basic features of print. RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words,	Editing is an essential skill in the writing process.	make them easier to follow. Modify and review how-to-books.
syllables, and sounds (phonemes). RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word	KEY TERMS: mentor texts, spelling patterns,	
analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	step-by-step, how-to, first, next, then, last, sequence, directions	
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).		

Writing Unit IV: Writers Share What They Know: How-To Books

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing and drawing important information and details about a topic in an on-demand writing for information (TCRWP Informational writing rubric)
- Utilizing word resources to spell unknown words (word wall, language words, name chart)

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Choose a topic and say each step while touching one page at a time
- Help clarify step by step directions of how-to books by working in partnership to ask questions
- Revise writing in response to partners suggestions
- Add and label a diagram to include more details
- Help guide the reader by using sequential language (First, you.. Next, you.. Then, you..)
- Act out steps in how-to books and self-assess if it's easy to follow
- Write clear how-to steps that a reader can follow
- Teach others about things recently learned
- Add more and more pages about a favorite topic

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:
	How-To Books: Writing to Teach Others Unit 2 Teachers College Reading and Writing Project
	Lucy Calkins
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn
	The Writing Strategies Book
	Jen Serravallo

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Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM
Suggested Mentor Text:
My First Soccer Game by Alyssa Capucilli
Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme by Nadine Bernard Westcott
My First Ballet Class by Alyssa Capucilli
How to Babysit a Grandpa by Jean Reagan
How to Babysit a Grandma by Jean Reagan
How to Surprise a Dad by Jean Reagan
How to Hold a Pencil by Megan Hirsch

Writing Unit V: Writers Share What They Know: All About Books

TRANSFER: Synthesize information across text to teach others through written information.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.2- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply	Writers can write to inform others.	How do writers teach others about things?
w.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults,	Details of a story relate to the major topic.	How do I include details to support my topic?
strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Writers use information from books to learn and write about new topics.	What is the relationship between writing and reading?
W.K.7 - Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).	<u>KNOWLEDGE</u> Students will know:	<u>SKILLS</u> Students will be able to:
W.K.8- With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.	All about books teach information about a specific topic.	Study all about books to model writing.
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	A well-known topic is needed in order to write an all about text.	Brainstorm familiar places, people, things, and topics.
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		Select a topic to provide audience with information.

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SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.	Non-fiction mentor texts improve our writing.	Use the touch and tell strategy to present details and information in a logical sequence.
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.		Use the many ways non-fiction texts show facts (i.e. headings, illustrations, labels, diagrams, photos).
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	Writers write all about books about things they are experts on.	Write all about books to teach about a specific topic.
SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	All about books contain realistic illustrations.	Illustrate realistic and detailed pictures.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		Label their pictures to teach even more about their topic.
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Writing features enhance information in a story.	Construct text details (i.e. table of contents, captions, diagrams).
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Bigger words can contain smaller words of chunks.	Spell longer words by looking and listening for chunks and smaller words (i.e. animal-"an" "mal")

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L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.	High frequency words can be applied to writing.	Recognize and spell high frequency words with three or more letters (i.e. you, was, for, are, etc.)
L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word. L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore	Domain specific words can be found in mentor texts.	Identify frequently used concept words and spell them correctly in writing (i.e. dog=leash, bone, bowl).
word relationships and nuances in word meanings.		
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	Writers provide feedback to other writers to ensure ideas are communicated clearly for the reader to understand.	Revise all about books utilizing peer feedback.
RI.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	Editing is an essential skill in the writing process.	Utilize editing checklist to modify and review all about books
RI.K.2- With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	KEY TERMS: text features, table of contents, label, diagram, heading, captions, glossary, facts, opinions	
RI.K.10 -Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.		
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		

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RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.	
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.	
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.	
RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot).	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing an on-demand informational writing piece (TCRWP Information writing rubric)
- Utilizing word resources to spell unknown words (word wall, language words, name chart).
- Monitoring writing through the revision process (rereading, information checklist, peer feedback)

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Write about a topic that they know a lot about
- Write across pages, adding more details with drawings and labels
- Add more sentences to a page to teach more about a topic
- Add text features to a book helps guide a reader to important information (table to contents, label, diagram, heading, captions, glossary)
- Write facts about things they know a lot about (ie. All about coloring, all about soccer)
- Respond to peer feedback to make writing easy to read

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	4 weeks
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:

Writing Unit V: Writers Share What They Know: All About Books

How-To Books: Writing to Teach Others Unit 3 Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Lucy Calkins

The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K

Karen McNally and Pam Allyn

The Writing Strategies Book

Jen Serravallo

Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM

Suggested Mentor Text:

My First Soccer Game by Alyssa Capucilli

Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme by Nadine Bernard Westcott

My First Ballet Class by Alyssa Capucilli Chameleons are Cool by Martin Jenkins

Dogs by Gail Gibbons

Unit VI: Writing Is Power: Writers Use Their Words to Make Change

TRANSFER: Write an argument to persuade others or support a claim.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.1 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic	Writers observe the world around them and write to help make a change.	How can writers write to make a change?
or book (e.g., My favorite book is). W.K.2- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	Opinions can be shared through various styles to convince and persuade others to join our cause.	 How can writing share our opinions and convince people to agree with us? What is the purpose of sharing opinions? Why is it important to share opinions?
W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	<u>SKILLS</u> Students will be able to:
details).	Writers can choose a topic and use words to make	Formulate an opinion based on a topic.
W.K.6 - With guidance and support from adults, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	a change.	Create several opinions on the same topic.
W.K.7 - Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).	Facts in persuasive writing teach information about a topic.	Provide reasons and consequences that support opinions.
	Writers read and study the work of other writers.	Incorporate strategies from mentor texts.

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W.K.8- With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.		Include details that are angled toward their reader.
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	Writers write letters to persuade an audience.	Add strong feelings about the problem to persuasive letters.
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	Writers can write detailed instructions on how to solve a problem.	Identify steps in how-to solve a problem and include details.
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.	Important information can be conveyed by giving a speech.	Select a topic to present and create a petition.
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.		Plan and rehearse speech by marking words and ideas on writing.
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.	Spelling patterns aid in encoding words that have	Express a petition orally to the class. Recognize and use magic e.
SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	a long vowel sound.	Apply magic e spelling to words with a
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		long vowel sound (i.e. late, pine, rope, cube).

Unit VI: Writing Is Power: Writers Use Their Words to Make Change

L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of	Revising and editing improves writing.	Utilize writing tools to revise and edit
standard English grammar and usage when writing or		work.
speaking.	KEY TERMS: persuasive, speech, fact, letter,	
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling	petition, feelings, opinion, revise, edit	
when writing.		
L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown		
and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.		
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L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.		
L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore		
word relationships and nuances in word meanings.		
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding		
to texts.		
RI.K.1- With prompting and support, ask and answer		
questions about key details in a text.		

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing an on-demand writing sample from the district opinion writing prompt (TCRWP Opinion writing rubric)
- Writing multiple pieces of work that give information about an expert topic

Unit VI: Writing Is Power: Writers Use Their Words to Make Change

• Utilizing resources to help spell unknown words (i.e. word wall, other texts, name chart).

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Identify a problem in the school or the world and think of many ways to solve it.
- Include a possible consequence is the problem is not solved.
- Write lots of reasons to convince people that their opinion is valid.
- Write letters to different people to address different problems and suggest different solutions.
- Share opinions verbally, with writing, with posters or a variety of media (i.e. videos, pictures, speech).

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	6 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:	
	Persuasive Writing of All Kinds: Using Words to Make a Change Unit 4	
	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project	
	Lucy Calkins	
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing-K	
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn	
	The Writing Strategies Book	
	Jen Serravallo	
	Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM	
	Suggested Mentor Text:	
	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin	
	Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late by Mo Willems	

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I Want an Iguana by Karen Kaufman	
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss	
Internet Links Literacy Resources for Randolph Township Public Schools	
Jennifer Drake Crayons and Cuties in Kindergarten	
https://crayonsandcutiesinkindergarten.blogspot.com/2014/05/launching-persuasive-writing-in.html	

TRANSFER: Gather information relevant to a topic to develop and strengthen writing.		
STANDARDS / GOALS:	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
W.K.1 -Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing	Writers use tools and strategies to write clearly.	How writers make writing more powerful?
about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is).	Writers can express themselves through various formats.	How do writers express themselves?
W.K.2- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	Writers write across many genres.	How do writers make connections across different types of writing?
W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they	KNOWLEDGE Students will know:	SKILLS Students will be able to:
occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened. W.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through response and self-reflection	Writers are capable of producing more powerful and readable true stories.	Utilize anchor charts to organize and enhance writing.
using questions and suggestions from peers (e.g., adding details).	Writers use words and feeling to make a change.	Improve small moment by adding details to drawings and maximizing sentence structure to draw interest from the reader.

W.K.6 - With guidance and support from adults, explore	Choose a topic and write to identify a problem and	Choose a topic and provide several
a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	solution.	reasons and consequences to support that
		opinion.
W.K.7 - Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite		
author and express opinions about them).		Formulate an opinion based on a topic.
W.K.8- With guidance and support from adults, recall		
information from experiences or gather information from		Create several opinions on the same topic.
provided sources to answer a question.		Duraida managara da angara sa da at
SL.K.1 - Participate in collaborative conversations with		Provide reasons and consequences that
diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with		support opinions.
peers and adults in small and larger groups.		Use a variety of media to support their
SL.K.1.A Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions		opinions.
(e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		
speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		Add details that are angled toward their
SL.K.2 - Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or		reader.
information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and		
requesting clarification if something is not understood.		Study all-about books as models.
SL.K.3 - Ask and answer questions in order to seek help,		
get information, or clarify something that is not	All about books teach information about a specific	Study all-about books as models.
understood.	topic.	
SL.K.4 -Describe familiar people, places, things, and		Write all about books to teach about a
events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.		specific topic.
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SL.K.5 - Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.	Writers use expert topics to write all about books.	Compile a list of expert topics.
SL.K.6 - Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.	Writers write about topics learned throughout the day.	Write how to books to teach about the world.
L.K.1-Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Non-fiction mentor texts improve our writing.	Incorporate features from mentor texts into their own writing.
L.K.2 -Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling	Writing features enhance information in a story.	Illustrate realistic and detailed pictures.
when writing. L.K.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on		Label diagrams pictures to teach even more about their topic.
kindergarten reading and content. L.K.4.B. Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g.,		Construct text details (i.e. table of contents, captions, diagrams).
-ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the mean ing of an unknown word.	Writers read and study the work of other writers	Study a variety of writing from the same
L.K.5 - With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	and incorporate strategies to write even stronger stories.	genre.
L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired.		Arrange writing using the touch and tell strategy.
	stories.	

L.K.6 - Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	Sentences must include specific features (i.e. uppercase letters, spacing, punctuation).	Begin sentences with capital letters, use appropriate spacing between words, and use correct punctuation.
RI.K.1- With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Working with a partner can aid in the writing process and add a new perspective to our stories.	Modify stories with help from a partner.
RI.K.2- With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	and add a new perspective to our stories.	Take part in questioning the writer's work to help clarify and improve their writing.
RI.K.8- With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.	Revising and editing improves writing.	Review stories "when we think we are done"
RI.K.10-Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.		and practice using various techniques to add more detail to our stories.
RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	KEY TERMS: revision, edit, perspective, fact, topic, problem, solution, realistic, punctuation, capital	
RF.K.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		
RF.K.3- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.		
RF.K.3.A - Demonstrate basic knowledge of one- to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant.		
RF.K.3.C - Read high-frequency and sight words with automaticity.		

Writing Unit VII: Writers Are Brave: Taking Risks in our Writing

RF.K.3.D - Distinguish between similarly spelled words	
by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g.,	
nap and tap; cat and cot).	

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE: Students will show their learning by:

- Writing an on-demand writing sample from the district opinion writing prompt (TCRWP Opinion writing rubric)
- Writing multiple pieces of work that give information about a topic (Opinion Checklist)
- Utilizing resources to help spell unknown words (i.e. word wall, other texts, name chart)

KEY LEARNING EVENTS AND INSTRUCTION:

- Provide detailed instructions about how to solve a problem
- Convince an audience through stating an opinion by writing lots of facts and reasons to support a claim
- Apply language conventions in the revision process
- Share opinion verbally, with writing, with posters or a variety of media (i.e. videos, pictures, speech)
- Revise in response to writing partners suggestions
- Add more sentences and details to a page to teach more about a topic

SUGGESTED TIME ALLOTMENT	8 weeks	
SUPPLEMENTAL UNIT RESOURCES	Suggested Resources:	
	Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing	
	Lucy Calkins	
	The Complete Year in Reading and Writing	
	Karen McNally and Pam Allyn	

The Writing Strategies Book
Jen Serravallo
Lucy Calkins Resources CD-ROM
Suggested Mentor Text:
Freight Train by Donald Crews
Creak! Said the Bed by Phyllis Root
Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed by Mo Willems

APPENDIX A

Kindergarten High Frequency Word List

Fundations Words	F&P Words	Where to go next
the	am	play
a	an	little
and	that	said
are	at	love
to	can	what
is	come	down
his	with	went
as	go	after
has	in	around
was	this	all
we	it	before
she	like	there
he	no	their
be	on	these
me	see	very
I	SO	which
you	up	stop
they		out
or		now
for		did
of		who
have		will
from		when
by		then
my		they
do		them
one		use
		made
		make
		want