PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



P.R.I.D.E. Patience Respect Integrity Diligence Empathy

Course Name: Writing	Grade Level(s): Kindergarten
Department: Humanities	Credits: N/A
BOE Adoption Date: September 2018	Revision Date(s): August 2022

Course Description

In Kindergarten, students will explore the various writing genres through a Writer's Workshop approach. The Writer's Workshop model recognizes that to achieve maximum success, writing instruction must be differentiated. Students in Kindergarten learn how to write complete sentences, and how to draw detailed pictures to add to their writing. They learn to stretch out the words to spell and to use correct capitalization and punctuation. Students learn to write for different purposes and audiences, and in various forms, including narrative, informational and opinion. The Writer's Workshop structure includes a mini-lesson, independent writing, teacher and peer conferencing, and time to share their writing. Students participate in author studies in order to understand - and therefore apply in their own writing - techniques they discover in the work of published authors. "When young people are explicitly taught the craft of proficient writing, they are able to travel the world as writers, applying their skills to discipline-based learning and to their lives" (Lucy Calkins 2013).

Mission Statement

The Pittsgrove Township School District believes in growing all learners to thrive. The district offers an intellectually rigorous, dynamic curriculum aligned to state and national standards coupled with research-based practices in classrooms. The Pittsgrove Township School District strives to highlight critical thinking, problem-solving, intercultural literacy, digital literacy, collaboration, innovation, and a growth mindset as part of the instructional core of learning. The district provides high quality resources to provide young people the knowledge they need to approach the future as leaders and learners.

Curriculum & Instruction Goals

- 1. To ensure students are college and career ready upon graduation
- 2. To vertically and horizontally align curriculum PreK-12 to ensure successful transition of students at each grade level
- 3. To identify individual student strengths and weaknesses utilizing various assessment measures (formative, summative, alternative, etc.) so as to differentiate instruction while meeting the rigor of the applicable content standards
- 4. To improve student achievement as assessed through multiple measures including, but not limited to, state testing, local assessments, and ongoing progress monitoring

How to Read this Document

This curricular document contains both a *pacing guide* and *curriculum units*. The pacing guide serves to communicate an estimated timeframe as to *when* critical knowledge and skills will be taught throughout the year. The pacing, however, may differ slightly depending upon the unique needs of each learner. The *curriculum units* contain more detailed information as to the content, goals, objectives, instructional strategies, resources, and assessments.

NJ Administrative Code and Statutes Key		
^=Amistad Law		
O=Diversity & Inclusion Law		
<>=Holocaust		
+=LGBT and Disabilities Law		
*=AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islanders)		
\$=Financial Literacy		
Use this key to understand where the NJ mandates are being implemented in the K-12 curriculum units.		

Pacing Guide

Course Title: Kindergarten Writing Prerequisite(s): N/A

Unit Title	Duration/ Month(s)	Related Standards	Learning Goals	Critical Knowledge and Skills
Unit 1: Launching the Writing Workshop	September- November	Power Standards: W.K.8 L.K.1 L.K.2 Secondary Standards: W.K.5	 Students will be able to Put ideas on paper using pictures and letters or words O+ Call to mind what they want to say, then put that onto the page Stretch out words to write them (with teacher support) O+ Go back and add more details to their pictures or sounds to their words Listen closely to the sounds they hear and write as many as they can to form words 	 Draw a picture Use at least five colors to add details to their drawings Label pictures using the beginning sound Tell a story using drawing and dictation Go back and add more details to their pictures Plan stories before beginning to draw and write Begin to start labeling with the beginning and ending sounds in words Stretch out words and write as many sounds as they hear Share their stories during an Author's Celebration
Unit 2: Writing for Readers	December-January	Power Standards: W.K.3 W.K.8 L.K.1 L.K.2	 Students will be able to Reread their writing/review their drawings and fix mistakes and add details Begin to write simple 	 Draw and label and a detailed picture with several colors and multiple sounds in their words Write simple sentences using sight words and

		Secondary Standards: W.K.5	 sentences using sight words and phonetic spelling Stretch out words and write as many sounds as they hear Utilize checklists to improve their writing Begins to include vowel sounds in the words they stretch out Review their stories with a partner to add more details Draw from their own experiences to create writing pieces Share with others what they have learned about writing and revising true stories 	 phonetic spelling Include consonant and vowel sounds when stretching out words Stretch out words and write every sound they hear Revise their stories to include more details Peer edit with a partner Use their own experiences to generate a writing piece Utilize checklists to enhance their writing Share their stories with a friend or during an Author's Celebration
Unit 3: Writing to Teach Others	February - March	Power Standards: W.K.2 W.K.8 L.K.1 L.K.2 Secondary Standards: W.K.5 W.K.7	 Students will be able to Use information they already know to write information about a topic Reread their writing and make necessary changes Use mentor texts as models and emulate some of their features Write in sequence by drawing or picturing each 	 Incorporate prior knowledge into their writing Revise and edit their writing pieces Model their writing after informative mentor texts Write step-by-step directions or informative pieces in sequence Include only factual information in their

			 step Write factual information about a topic of their choosing Write step-by-step directions to create a How-To piece Continue to use checklists to enhance their writing Share their writing during an Author's Celebration 	 informative pieces Utilize checklists to improve their writing Share their writing with the class
Unit 4: Persuasive Writing of all Kinds	April-June	Power Standards: W.K.1 W.K.8 L.K.1 L.K.2 Secondary Standards: W.K.5 W.K.6	 Students will be able to Write an opinion piece by providing reasons and consequences Write two or more sentences to support their opinions Reread and revise their writing with a partner or independently Use spelling strategies to stretch out words Model their writing after a mentor text Write a persuasive piece Edit for proper punctuation and spacing Publish their writing and share it during an Author's Celebration 	 Use reasons and consequences to generate opinion pieces Write multiple sentences about a topic Revise and edit their work Utilize various spelling strategies to enhance their writing Utilize checklists to improve their writing Emulate mentor texts Write persuasive pieces Use proper capitalization, punctuation, and spacing Publish and share their writing

	Instructional Unit Map				
Course Title: Un	it 1: Launching the Writing Workshop				
				Start Date:	September
Unit Title	Narrative Writing			Length of Unit:	3 months
Content Standards What do we want them to know, understand, & do?	 Power Standards: W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. O+ L.K.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Print many upper- and lowercase letters. B. Use frequently occurring 	Learning Goals	•	O+ Call to mind what th the page Stretch out words to O+ Go back and add mo sounds to their wor	sounds they hear and write as

nouns and verbs.	
C. Form regular plural nouns	
orally by adding /s/ or /es/	
(e.g., dog, dogs; wish,	
wishes).	
D. Understand and use	
question words	
(interrogatives) (e.g., who,	
what, where, when, why,	
how).	
E. Use the most frequently	
occurring prepositions (e.g.,	
to, from, in, out, on, off, for,	
of, by, with).	
F. Produce and expand	
complete sentences in	
shared language activities	
L.K.2 Demonstrate	
command of the	
conventions of standard	
English capitalization,	
punctuation, and spelling	
when writing.	
A. Capitalize the first word in	
a sentence and the pronoun	
l.	
B. Recognize and name end	
punctuation.	
C. Write a letter or letters for	
most consonant and	
short-vowel sounds	
(phonemes).	
D. Spell simple words	

	 phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships. Secondary Standards: 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). O+ 		
Essential Questions	 How can we use words and pictures How can we use strategies like brain Why is it important to reread and ec 	storming and stretching out words to tell a story?	
Assessments How will we know they have gained the knowledge & skills?	Formative Interactive questioning Teacher observation Choral and individual responses Center work Homework Checklists Hand signals Think/Pair/Share Student Conferencing Self Assessment	Summative Published Writing Pieces Narrative Writing Rubric 	Alternative Author's Chair Letter Collage Sight Word Collage Writing Center Presentations
Unit Pre-Assessmen t(s)	 Letter Identification Assessment Letter Sound Identification Assessment Uppercase Letter Writing Assessment 		

What do they already know?	Lowercase Letter Writing Asse	ssment		
Instructional Strategies/Stud ent Activities	 Explicit whole group writing mini Mentor text read alouds Interactive questioning Turn and talk Teacher conferencing Peer conferencing Writing Center work Edits/revisions Publishing Author Celebration 	lessons		
Instructional/A ssessment Scaffolds (Modifications /Accommodati ons) – planned for prior to instruction	 English Language Learners Provide visuals Labeling in English and Spanish Use of Google Translate Provide modeling Differentiated grouping Small group instruction Single step directions Allow child to redo/retake Word wall with visuals Response to intervention Modified Seesaw assignments 	 Special Education Learners Provide visuals Provide modeling Small group instruction Single step instructions Provide extra time Peer buddy Differentiated grouping Allow child to redo work Alternative assignments 	 Struggling Learners Allow for choice in student grouping Provide more detailed instructions Small group instruction Additional time on tests/assignments Provide visuals Provide modeling Peer buddy Response to intervention 	Advanced Learners Tiered assignments Flexible grouping Independent reading Learning Centers Tiered homework assignments Response to intervention

	 Enhanced directions Shortened/simplif ied assignments Less homework Response to intervention Modified Seesaw assignments 	Leveled Seesaw assignments Leveled Seesaw assignments
Differentiated Instructional Methods: (Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding)	 Access (Resources and/or Process) Student writing journals Promethean board for student & teacher discussions and interactive activities 1-1 Chrome books for each student Word Wall - contains all learned sight words Writing partners for peer conferencing and brainstorming 	Expression (Products and/or Performance) Daily center activities Journaling Author's chair/peer sharing Writing piece discussions Writing Sessions/Mini Lessons
Vocabulary Highlight key vocabulary (both Tier II and Tier III words)	Tier II: writing, drawing, dictating, stories, letters, words, labels, ch Tier III: narrative, experience, personal, character, event, significan	

Integration of Technology SAMR	 S - Type sentences in word processing program, Use Seesaw to access a (videos, lessons, games, etc.) A - Edit sentences in word processing program, Teacher will use comm M - Students collaborate in Slides or Docs; Students comment and integer R - Students publish their work online 	ent feature in Google Docs or Seesaw for feedback	
Interdisciplinar y Connections <u>NJ Student</u> Learning <u>Standards</u>	 Social Studies 6.1.2.CivicsPD.1: Engage in discussions effectively by asking questions, considering facts, listening to the ideas of others, and sharing opinions. O 6.1.2.CivicsPD.2: Establish a process for how individuals can effectively work together to make decisions. 6.1.2.CivicsPR.3: Analyze classroom rules and routines and describe how they are designed to benefit the common good. O 6.1.2.CivicsCM.3: Explain how diversity, tolerance, fairness, and respect for others can contribute to individuals feeling accepted. O Computer Science and Design Thinking (2020) 8.1.2.CS.1: Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences. 8.1.2.NI.1: Model and describe how individuals use computers to connect to other individuals, places, information, and ideas through a network. 		
21 st Century Themes/Skills	Themes	Skills	
P21 Framework	 Global Awareness 1. Learning from and working collaboratively with individuals representing diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts. Q 2. Understanding other nations and culture, including the use of non-English languages. 	 Creativity and innovation Critical thinking and problem solving Communication and collaboration O+ Information literacy Flexibility and adaptability O+ Initiative and self direction Productivity and accountability Leadership and responsibility 	

Resources/Mat	Launching the Writing Workshop Manual
erials	A Guide to the Writing Workshop Manual
	IfThenCurriculum: Assessment Based Instruction Manual
	Writing Pathways Grades K-5 Manual
	Units of Study Anchor Charts
	Mentor Texts O+

	Instructional Unit Map					
Course Title: Uni	Course Title: Unit 2: Writing for Readers					
	Narrative Writing			Start Date:	December	
Unit Title				Length of Unit:	2 months	
Content Standards What do we want them to know, understand, & do?	Power Standards: 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. O+ W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. O+ L.K.1 Demonstrate command of the	Learning Goals	•	mistakes and add d Begin to write simp phonetic spelling Stretch out words a hear Utilize checklists to Begins to include vo stretch out Review their stories	g/review their drawings and fix etails O le sentences using sight words and and write as many sounds as they improve their writing owel sounds in the words they s with a partner to add more details on experiences to create writing	

conventions of standard English	 Share with others what they have learned about writing
	 Share with others what they have learned about writing and revising true stories
grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	and revising true stories
A. Print many upper- and lowercase letters.	
B. Use frequently occurring nouns	
and verbs.	
C. Form regular plural nouns orally	
by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs;	
wish, wishes).	
D. Understand and use question	
words (interrogatives) (e.g., who,	
what, where, when, why, how).	
E. Use the most frequently occurring	
prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out,	
on, off, for, of, by, with).	
F. Produce and expand complete	
sentences in shared language	
activities.	
L.K.2 Demonstrate command of the	
conventions of standard English	
capitalization, punctuation, and	
spelling when writing.	
A. Capitalize the first word in a	
sentence and the pronoun I.	
B. Recognize and name end	
punctuation.	
C. Write a letter or letters for most	
consonant and short-vowel sounds	
(phonemes).	
D. Spell simple words phonetically,	
drawing on knowledge of	
sound-letter relationships.	

Freentiel	Secondary Standards: 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). O+		
Essential Questions	 How can we edit our stories to add m How can we use our sight words and What are some tools we can use to in How can we work with a partner to m How can we use our own experience 	letter sounds to write a sentence? nprove our writing?	
Assessments How will we know they have gained the knowledge & skills?	Formative Interactive questioning Teacher observation Choral and individual responses Center work Homework Checklists Hand signals Think/Pair/Share Student Conferencing Self Assessment	Summative Published Writing Pieces Narrative Writing Rubric 	Alternative Author's Chair Letter Collage Sight Word Collage Writing Center Presentations
Unit Pre-Assessment (s) What do they already know?	 Letter Identification Assessment Letter Sound Identification Assessment Uppercase Letter Writing Assessment Lowercase Letter Writing Assessment 		1

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Differentiated Instructional Methods: (Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding)	 Access (Resources and/or Process) Student writing journals Promethean board for student & teacher discussions and interactive activities 1-1 Chrome books for each student Word Wall - contains all learned sight words Writing partners for peer conferencing and brainstorming 	 Expression (Products and/or Performance) Daily center activities Journaling Author's chair/peer sharing Writing piece discussions Writing Sessions/Mini Lessons 	
Vocabulary Highlight key vocabulary (both Tier II and Tier III words)	Tier II: writing, drawing, dictating, stories, letters, words, labels, checklists, conferencing, capitalization, punctuation, spacing Tier III: narrative, experience, personal, character, event, significant, sequence, setting		
Integration of Technology <u>SAMR</u>	 S - Type sentences in word processing program, Use Seesaw to accest (videos, lessons, games, etc.) A - Edit sentences in word processing program, Teacher will use com M - Students collaborate in Slides or Docs; Students comment and in R - Students publish their work online 	ment feature in Google Docs or Seesaw for feedback	

Interdisciplinar y Connections NJ Student Learning Standards	 Social Studies 6.1.2.CivicsPD.1: Engage in discussions effectively by asking questions, considering facts, listening to the ideas of others, and sharing opinions. O 6.1.2.CivicsPD.2: Establish a process for how individuals can effectively work together to make decisions. 6.1.2.CivicsPR.3: Analyze classroom rules and routines and describe how they are designed to benefit the common good. O 6.1.2.CivicsCM.3: Explain how diversity, tolerance, fairness, and respect for others can contribute to individuals feeling accepted. O 			
	 Computer Science and Design Thinking (2020) 8.1.2.CS.1: Select and operate computing devices that perform a varie and preferences. 8.1.2.NI.1: Model and describe how individuals use computers to conr places, information, and ideas through a network. 			
21 st Century Themes/Skills P21 Framework	Themes Global Awareness 1. Learning from and working collaboratively with individuals representing diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts. O 2. Understanding other nations and cultures, including the use of non-English languages. O	Skills Creativity and innovation Critical thinking and problem solving Communication and collaboration O Information literacy Flexibility and adaptability O Initiative and self direction Productivity and accountability Leadership and responsibility 		
Resources/Mat erials	 Writing for Readers Manual A Guide to the Writing Workshop Manual IfThenCurriculum: Assessment Based Instruction Manual Writing Pathways Grades K-5 Manual Units of Study Anchor Charts 			

	Instructional Unit Map					
Course Title: Uni	it 3: How-To Books					
Unit Title	Informative Writing			Start Date: Length of Unit:	February 2 months	
Content Standards What do we want them to know, understand, & do?	 Power Standards: 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. O+ W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. O+ L.K.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Print many upper- and lowercase letters. B. Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs. C. Form regular plural nouns orally 	Learning Goals	•	about a topic <mark>O</mark> Reread their writing Use mentor texts as features Write in sequence I Write factual inform choosing <mark>O</mark> Write step-by-step Continue to use che	ey already know to write information g and make necessary changes s models and emulate some of their by drawing or picturing each step nation about a topic of their directions to create a How-To piece ecklists to enhance their writing during an Author's Celebration <mark>O</mark>	

by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs;	
wish, wishes).	
D. Understand and use question	
words (interrogatives) (e.g., who,	
what, where, when, why, how).	
E. Use the most frequently occurring	
prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out,	
on, off, for, of, by, with).	
F. Produce and expand complete	
sentences in shared language	
activities.	
L.K.2. Demonstrate command of the	
conventions of standard English	
capitalization, punctuation, and	
spelling when writing.	
A. Capitalize the first word in a	
sentence and the pronoun I.	
B. Recognize and name end	
punctuation.	
C. Write a letter or letters for most	
consonant and short-vowel sounds	
(phonemes).	
D. Spell simple words phonetically,	
drawing on knowledge of	
sound-letter relationships.	
Secondary Standards:	
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).		
Essential Questions	 How can we use only facts to write a Why is it important to revise and ed How can we use mentor texts to hele Why is it important to write an infor What are some tools we can use to 	it our work? Ip us become better writers? mative or how-to piece in the correct order?	
Assessments How will we	Formative	Summative	Alternative
know they have gained the knowledge & skills?	 Interactive questioning Teacher observation Choral and individual responses Center work Homework Checklists Hand signals Think/Pair/Share Student Conferencing Self Assessment 	 Published Writing Pieces Informative Writing Rubric 	 Author's Chair Informational Collage Writing Center Presentations
Unit Pre-Assessment(s) What do they already know?	 Letter/Sound Identification Assessment Uppercase/Lowercase Writing Assessme CVC Word Reading & Writing Assessmen Simple Sentence Writing Assessment Narrative Writing Samples 		
Instructional Strategies/Stude nt Activities	 Explicit whole group writing mini lessons Mentor text read alouds Interactive questioning Turn and talk 		

	 Teacher conferencing Peer conferencing Writing Center work Edits/revisions Publishing Author Celebration 			
Instructional/Ass essment Scaffolds	English Language Learners	Special Education Learners	Struggling Learners	Advanced Learners
(Modifications /Accommodation s) – planned for prior to instruction	 Provide visuals Labeling in English and Spanish Use of Google Translate Provide modeling Differentiated grouping Small group instruction Single step directions Allow child to redo/retake Word wall with visuals Response to intervention Modified Seesaw assignments 	 Provide visuals Provide modeling Small group instruction Single step instructions Provide extra time Peer buddy Differentiated grouping Allow child to redo work Alternative assignments Enhanced directions 	 Allow for choice in student grouping Provide more detailed instructions Small group instruction Additional time on tests/assignments Provide visuals Provide modeling Peer buddy Response to intervention Leveled Seesaw assignments 	 Tiered assignments Flexible grouping Independent reading Learning Centers Tiered homework assignments Response to intervention Leveled Seesaw assignments

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Differentiated	Access (Resources and/or Process)	E	Expression (Products and/or Perform	mance)
Instructional Methods: (Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding)	 Student writing journals Promethean board for student & teacher discuss and interactive activities 1-1 Chrome books for each student Word Wall - contains all learned sight words Writing partners for peer conferencing and brainstorming 	ons	 Daily center activities Journaling Author's chair/peer shari Writing piece discussions Writing Sessions/Mini Lessions 	
Vocabulary Highlight key vocabulary (both Tier II and Tier III words)	Tier II: writing, drawing, dictating, stories, letters, words, Tier III: informative, facts, prior knowledge, how-to, sequ		lists, conferencing, capitalization	, punctuation, spacing
Integration of Technology <u>SAMR</u>	 S - Type sentences in word processing program, Use Sees (videos, lessons, games, etc.) A - Edit sentences in word processing program, Teacher was a sentence of the sentence		-	

	M - Students collaborate in Slides or Docs; Students comment and interact with each other in Seesaw R - Students publish their work online			
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21 st Century Themes/Skills P21 Framework	Themes Environmental Literacy 1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the environment and the circumstances and conditions affecting it, particularly as it relates to air, climate, land, food, energy, water and ecosystems. O 2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of society's impact on the natural world (e.g., population growth, population development, resource consumption rate, etc.). O	Skills Responsibility and Accountability Critical Thinking Problem Solving Strategic Thinking Decision Making Respect and Understanding O 		
	 Investigate and analyze environmental issues, and make accurate conclusions about effective solutions. 			

	 Take individual and collective action towards addressing environmental challenges (e.g., participating in global actions, designing solutions that inspire action on environmental issues). 	
Resources/Mate	How-To Books Manual	
rials	A Guide to the Writing Workshop Manual	
	IfThenCurriculum: Assessment Based Instruction Manual	
	Writing Pathways Grades K-5 Manual	
	Units of Study Anchor Charts	
	 Mentor Texts O 	

Instructional Unit Map					
Course Title: Unit 4: Persuasive Writing of All Kinds					
	Opinion Writing			Start Date:	April
Unit Title				Length of Unit:	3 months
Content Standards What do we want them to know, understand, & do?	Power Standards: Learning Goals Students will be able to • W.K.1. Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which • Write an opinion piece by providing reason consequences O • Write two or sentences to support their op Reread and revise their writing with a part		piece by providing reasons and ences to support their opinions		

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 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). O+ W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. O+ L.K.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Print many upper- and lowercase letters. B. Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs. C. Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, b) 	independently Use spelling strategies to stretch out words Model their writing after a mentor text Write a persuasive piece • Edit for proper punctuation and spacing Publish their writing and share it during an Author's Celebration •
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who, what, where, when,	
why, how).	
E. Use the most	
frequently occurring	
prepositions (e.g., to,	
from, in, out, on, off, for,	
of, by, with).	
F. Produce and expand	
complete sentences in	
shared language	
activities.	
• L.K.2 Demonstrate	
command of the	
conventions of standard	
English capitalization,	
punctuation, and spelling	
when writing.	
A. Capitalize the first	
word in a sentence and	
the pronoun I.	
B. Recognize and name	
end punctuation.	
C. Write a letter or letters	
for most consonant and	
short-vowel sounds	
(phonemes).	
D. Spell simple words	
phonetically, drawing on	
knowledge of	
sound-letter	
relationships.	
Secondary Standards:	

Essential Questions	 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). O+ 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. How can I write an opinion o How can I use my spelling str Why is it important to revise 	ategies to write more than one sentence?	
	How can we use a mentor te		
Assessments How will we know they	Formative	Summative	Alternative
have gained the knowledge & skills?	 Interactive questioning Teacher observation Choral and individual responses Center work Homework Checklists Hand signals Think/Pair/Share Student Conferencing 	 Published Writing Pieces Opinion Writing Rubric 	 Author's Chair Interest Collage Writing Center Presentations

	Self Assessment			
Unit Pre-Assessment(s) What do they already know?	 Letter/Sound Identification Assessment Uppercase/Lowercase Writing Assessment CVC Word Reading & Writing Assessment Simple Sentence Writing Assessment Narrative and Informative Writing Samples 			
Instructional Strategies/Student Activities	 Explicit whole group writing mini lessons Mentor text read alouds Interactive questioning Turn and talk Teacher conferencing Peer conferencing Writing Center work Edits/revisions Publishing Author Celebration 			
Instructional/Assessm ent Scaffolds (Modifications	English Language Learners	Special Education Learners	Struggling Learners	Advanced Learners
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	 Word wall with visuals Response to intervention Modified Seesaw assignments 	 Peer buddy Differentiated grouping Allow child to redo work Alternative assignments Enhanced directions Shortened/si mplified assignments Less homework Response to intervention Modified Seesaw assignments 	 Peer buddy Response to intervention Leveled Seesaw assignments 	 Tiered homework assignments Response to intervention Leveled Seesaw assignments
Differentiated Instructional Methods: (Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding)	 Access (Resources and/or Process) Student writing journals Promethean board for study discussions and interactive 1-1 Chrome books for each Word Wall - contains all lead Writing partners for peer constrainstorming 	activities student rned sight words	 Expression (Products and/or Performance) Daily center activities Journaling Author's chair/peer share Writing piece discussion Writing Sessions/Mini Lease 	ring s

Vocabulary Highlight key vocabulary (both Tier II and Tier III words)	Tier II: writing, drawing, dictating, stories, letters, words, labels, checklists, conferencing, capitalization, punctuation, spacing Tier III: opinion, personal, feeling, emotions, persuasive, reasons, consequences		
Integration of Technology <u>SAMR</u>	 S - Type sentences in word processing program, Use Seesaw to access assignments; Utilize Interactive whiteboard activities (videos, lessons, games, etc.) A - Edit sentences in word processing program, Teacher will use comment feature in Google Docs or Seesaw for feedback M - Students collaborate in Slides or Docs; Students comment and interact with each other in Seesaw R - Students publish their work online 		
Interdisciplinary Connections <u>NJ Student Learning</u> <u>Standards</u>	 Social Studies 6.1.2. CivicsPD.1: Engage in discussions effectively by asking questions, considering facts, listening to the ideas of others, and sharing opinions. O 6.1.2. CivicsPD.2: Establish a process for how individuals can effectively work together to make decisions. 6.1.2. CivicsPR.3: Analyze classroom rules and routines and describe how they are designed to benefit the common good. O+ 6.1.2. CivicsCM.3: Explain how diversity, tolerance, fairness, and respect for others can contribute to individuals feeling accepted. O Computer Science and Design Thinking (2020) 8.1.2. CS.1: Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences. 8.1.2. NI.1: Model and describe how individuals use computers to connect to other individuals, places, information, and ideas through a network. 		
21 st Century Themes/Skills P21 Framework	Themes	Skills	

	 Global Awareness 1. Learning from and working collaboratively with individuals representing diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts. O 2. Understanding other nations and cultures, including the use of non-English languages. O 	 Creativity and innovation Critical thinking and problem solving Communication and collaboration O Information literacy Flexibility and adaptability O Initiative and self direction Productivity and accountability Leadership and responsibility
Resources/Materials	 Persuasive Writing of All Manual A Guide to the Writing Workshop Manual IfThenCurriculum: Assessment Based Instruction Manual Writing Pathways Grades K-5 Manual Units of Study Anchor Charts Mentor Texts Q 	