UNIT

## Write in the primary grades



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#### Progress through the developmental writing stages. •

### **ORAL** WRITING

Teach students how to orally share their thoughts on persuasive, informative, and narrative topics.



### PICTORIAL WRITING

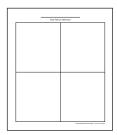
Teach students how to draw details to make their persuasive, informative, and narrative pictures stronger.



### LABEL WRITING

Teach students how to add letter and word labels to their persuasive, informative, and narrative writings.

- Match words/labels to pictures.
- Utilize correct letter formation.
- · Apply sound-stretch spelling.
- · Label using precise word choice.



### LIST WRITING

Teach students how to list words and phrases related to persuasive, informative, or narrative topics.

- · Write letters/words on a line.
- Separate words with spaces.
- · List precise words and details.
- · Include precise word choice.
- Organize (or number) the listed details.



### SENTENCE WRITING

Teach students how to put words together to form complete thoughts within their persuasive, informative, and narrative writing.

- Stretch ideas into complete sentences.
- Begin each sentence with a capital.
- End each sentence with punctuation.
- · Capitalize proper nouns/name details.





#### Incorporate persuasive, informative, & narrative writing in PK-1.

RESOURCES





### But teach the standards!



#### CCSS | KINDERGARTEN W1

Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces...

CCSS | GRADES 1-2 W1
Write opinion pieces...

#### CCSS | KINDERGARTEN W2

Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts...

CCSS | GRADES 1-2 W2
Write informative/explanatory texts...

#### CCSS | KINDERGARTEN W3

Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate an event...

CCSS | GRADES 1-2 W3
Write narratives...



#### Teach the core skills for each type of writing.







#### **UNIT ESSENTIALS**

**Session 3:** Target informative writing skills.

**Session 4:** Meet the argumentative writing standard.

**Session 5:** Know the narrative non-negotiables.



#### WRITE ABOUT READING

**Session 3:** Teach both reader & writer workshops in K-2.

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## **Persuasive**

#### **ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS**

PURPOSE | Share feelings, opinions, or claims that are based on facts and evidence.

Identify debatable topics (e.g., likes/dislikes, fair/unfair, right/wrong).

Teach the process for "choosing" a side.

Explain the organization of all persuasive writing:

- WHAT I think/want.
- WHY I think it.
- WHAT I think/want.

### Informative

#### **ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS**

PURPOSE | Give the reader facts about a topic; to clarify or explain something.

Tell about the subject/topic.

- Provide lots of facts, details, knowledge about the topic.
- Reveal the environment or habitat around the subject (e.g., place, objects in background, time of day, season, weather, etc.).
- Speak, label, or write with vocabulary related to the topic.

Organize the information in the middle.

- Each middle "sentence" teaches the next step in the process.
- Each middle "sentence" reveals another big idea/ part of the topic.
- Each middle "sentence" shows another category of comparison.

# Narrative ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

PURPOSE | Entertain the reader with a story.

A story has a plot.

- Describe a problem.
- Provide a solution.

A story has a character.

A story has a setting, including when and where details that fit with the problem.

Plan a new story— M, E, B. Then write the story— B, M, E.





Persuasive ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

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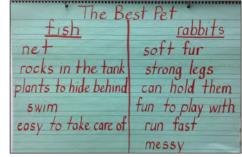
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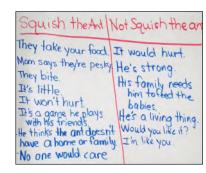
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### **ORAL** WRITING

### PICTORIAL WRITING

### **LABEL** WRITING















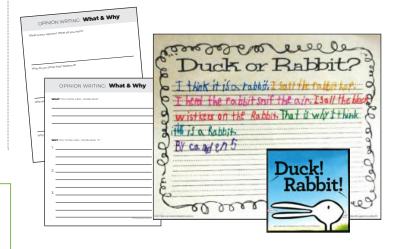




#### LIST WRITING

#### SENTENCE WRITING

Use the opinion as the topic sentence— avoiding *because*.





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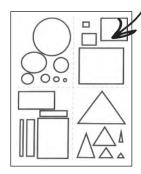
# Informative ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

Tell about the subject/topic.

- Provide lots of facts, details, knowledge about the topic.
- Reveal the environment or habitat around the subject (e.g., place, objects in background, time of day, season, weather, etc.).
- Speak, label, or write with vocabulary related to this topic.

### **ORAL** WRITING

Use visuals (photos, diagrams, big books) for them to explain or recall information.



### PICTORIAL WRITING

Draw the topic/subject.

- Use accurate shape and proportion details.
- Draw unfamiliar objects using the Shape Book.
- Use true-to-life colors.
- Draw individuals in 3D and with clothes not stick people.
- Draw objects closer together to represent their position in relationship to one another (on, above, below, next to, in).

#### LABEL WRITING

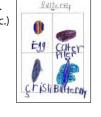
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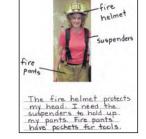
Label and list with specific word choice.

- Nouns (e.g., people, places, parts, etc.)
- Names/proper nouns
- Action verbs
- · Adjectives, colors, senses, etc.









LIST

WRITING

#### SENTENCE WRITING





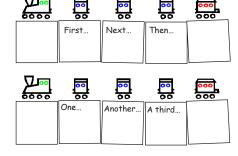
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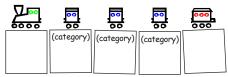
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### ORAL WRITING

#### PICTORIAL WRITING

Tape paper to reveal the correct organization.



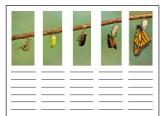


#### **LABEL** WRITING

Number the details to indicate order.









#### SENTENCE WRITING

The list is the writing—initially. But then the list serves as a pre-write/graphic organizer to generate sentences.







## Narrative ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

A story has a plot.

- Describe a problem.
- Provide a solution.



#### **ORAL** WRITING

Use photos to inspire potential story problems and solutions.



### PICTORIAL LABEL WRITING WRITING



### LIST WRITING



A story has a character.



Use photos to inspire potential characters.



- Draw people in 3D and with clothes— not stick people.
- Draw people in motion, action, reaction (e.g., bent limbs).
- Draw people with feelings (e.g., facial expressions) that match the problem and solution.



- Label the character's actions (verbs).
- Add dialogue with speech bubbles.
- Add thoughts and feelings with thinking bubbles.

A story has a setting, including when and where details that fit with the problem.





Use photos to inspire different settings and story locations.





Draw and label little, closeup details that represent adjectives and sensory details. List the sensory details that are present in the setting.

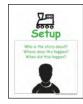


Plan a new story— M, E, B. Then write the story— B, M, E. Compose oral stories using the *Story Strip*.















#### SENTENCE WRITING

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