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Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop Pacing Guide for Whole Class Instruction

Grade 3 Spanish Immersion

This pacing guide provides the overall scope and sequence of whole class mini-lessons for Grade 3 Reader's Workshop. This year-long sequence incorporates:

- Saint Paul Public Schools unit for launching the Reader's Workshop;
- Buenos hábitos, Grandes lectores lessons and materials;
- Days for teaching reading lessons on texts that will be revisited as mentor texts in subsequent Writer's Workshop units of study; and
- Flexible days for teachers to plan for response to student needs.

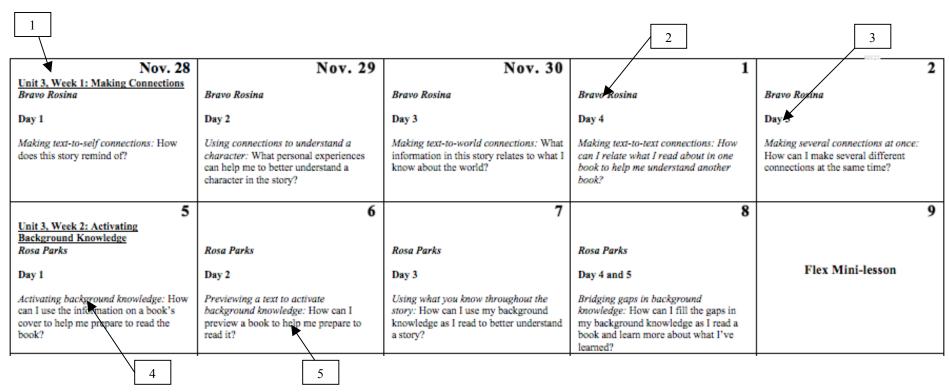
This pacing guide provides the SPPS Writer's Workshop Unit of Study Calendar including:

- SPPS Writer's Workshop Units of Study K-6
- Pacing and big ideas (based on Minnesota and NCEE writing standards) for each grade level unit
- Suggested products and artifacts

Grade 3 Pacing Guide-Spanish Immersion

The third grade *Reader's Workshop Whole Class Mini-lessons Pacing Guide* presents a full-year sequence for whole class instruction. During the 15-minute mini-lesson, teachers utilize texts for shared reading from *Buenos hábitos*, *Grandes lectores* and read aloud selections in SPPS lessons designed to prepare students for upcoming writing units.

Although sessions are consecutive for each text, the sessions do not always fall within the Monday-Friday span. In addition, "Flex Mini-lessons" offer opportunities to revisit needed focuses or favorite texts.



- 1. The unit, week number and comprehension focus for the week are listed at the beginning of each five day cycle. These correspond to the *Buenos hábitos, Grandes lectores* teacher's guide.
- **2.** The title of the selection appears in each box.
- 3. Each lesson corresponds to a day listed in the Buenos hábitos, Grandes lectores teacher's guide.
- 4. The specific teaching focus for each lesson is listed here in italics.
- 5. Additionally, each lesson includes a "Modeling in Action" question.

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September

5	6	7	8	9	
Labor Day	SPPS Launch Unit	SPPS Launch Unit	Unit 1, Week 1 Taking Care of Books Las cebras	Las cebras	
Holiday	ML # 1	ML # 2	Days 1	Day 4	
			Having Favorite Books: What are some of my favorite books, and what do I like about them?	Marking Books with Sticky Notes: How can using sticky notes help me as I read?	
12	13	14	15	16	
Unit 1, Week 2: Choosing Books Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Looking for a Favorite Author: Why might having a favorite author help me choose books to read?	Considering Your Purpose for Reading: What are the different purposed that I have for reading?	Reading Books in a Series: Why might I enjoy reading books from a series?	y might I enjoy reading books from a book?		
19	20	21	22	23	
	Unit 1, Week 3: Knowing Yourself as a Reader	,			
SPPS Launch Unit	Luciérnagas	Luciérnagas	Luciérnagas	Luciérnagas	
ML # 7	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
	Appreciating That Readers Have Different Tastes: How do my tastes in reading differ from those of my classmates, friends, or family?	Finding Books That Are Just Right For You: How do I find a book that is just right for me??	Knowing What To Do When You're Confused While Reading: What can I do if I get confused while I'm reading?	Knowing When Your Mind Wanders: How do I get myself back on track after my mind has wandered?	
26	27	28	29	30	
Luciérnagas	Unit 1, Week 4: Building Reading Stamina Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina	Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina	Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina	Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina	
Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3		
Knowing Your Reading Strengths and Weaknesses: What are my strengths and weaknesses as a reader?	Getting Hooked on a Book: How do I find books that will "hook" me as a reader?	Staying With a Book That Starts Slowly: How do I stick with and get interested in book that starts slowly?	Staying With a Hard Book: How do I stay with a book that is hard for me to read?	Abandoning a Book: When Should I decide to stop reading a book?	

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October

3	4	5	6	7	
Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina Day 5 Setting Long-Term Reading Goals: How	Available at These reading lesson	Memoir Reading Mini-lessons : http://www.thecenter.spps.org/ele as will be on texts that will be revisited as Mothird grade Writer's Workshop Memoir unit	entor Texts in the	Flex Mini Lesson	
can I set goals to help myself become a better reader?					
10	11	12	13	14	
Unit 2, Week 1: Making Predictions Las crías de los animales salvajes	Las crías de los animales salvajes	Las crías de los animales salvajes	Las crías de los animales salvajes	Las crías de los animales salvajes	
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Using Background Knowledge to Make Predictions: How can I use what I already know to predict what will happen in the book?	Predicting the Text Format: How can I scan a page to get information that will help me predict what it will be about?	Determining the Author's Purpose: How can understanding the author's purpose for writing a book help me to predict what I will read about?	Using the Text Structure to Predict Information: What is the text structure of this book? How can knowing this help me make predictions about the book?	Predicting Text Conclusions: How can thinking about how a book ends help me to remember information in the book?	
17	18	19	20	21	
Unit 2, Week 2: Asking Questions Faros	Faros				
Day 1	Day 2	Conference Prep Day	Education Minnesota Professional Conference	Education Minnesota Professional Conference	
Asking Questions About the Title: What questions can I ask about a book's title to help me figure out if I want to read the book?	Asking Questions About Unfamiliar Words: What questions can I ask when I come across unfamiliar words in a book??				
24	25	26	27	28	
Faros	Faros	Faros	Science Litera	acy Mini-lessons	
Day 3 Asking About the Author's Purpose: What is the author's purpose in writing this book?	Day 4 Asking "What's the Connection?: How does what I'm currently reading relate to what I've already read?	Day 5 Asking "I Wonder" Questions: What do I wonder about this book? How can these questions help me make sense of the book?	Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html. These reading mini-lessons will use the text in the upcoming third grade Engineering is Elementary science unit of study.		

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November

Oct. 31	1	2	3	4
Unit 2, Week 3: Self Monitoring Un hogar para Nelly	Un hogar para Nelly	Un hogar para Nelly	Un hogar para Nelly	Un hogar para Nelly
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Asking, Does this make sense? What can I do to make sure that what I read makes sense?	Rereading to clear up confusion: How can rereading help me understand the text better?	Thinking about what you have read so far: How can thinking about what I have read so far help me understand the text?	Keep reading to clear up confusion: When should I keep reading to clear up text that doesn't make sense?	Using text features to clear up confusion: How can text features help me understand something that is confusing?
7 Unit 2, Week 4: Summarizing and Retelling De excursión por	De excursión por	De excursión por	De excursión por	11
el Sendero de los Apaches	el Sendero de los Apaches	el Sendero de los Apaches	el Sendero de los Apaches	Conference Day
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	·
Pausing to summarize as you read? How can pausing as I read to restate important information help me understand a nonfiction text?	Integrating new information into a summary: How can I add new information to my summary as I read a book?	Using headings to help summarize: How can I use headings to help me summarize a text?	Deciding important vs supporting details: How can I tell which ideas in a book are important and which are not?	
14	15	16	17	18
De excursión por el Sendero de los Apaches				
Day 5	Flex Mini-lesson	Co	ontent Focused Literacy Instru	ection
Summarizing the important ideas: How can I help myself remember the important information in a book?				
21	22	23	24	25
Content Focused I	Literacy Instruction	Flex Mini-lesson	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break

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December

Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	1	2	
Unit 3, Week 1: Making Connections Bravo Rosina	Bravo Rosina	Bravo Rosina Bravo I		Bravo Rosina	
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Making text-to-self connections: How does this story remind of?	Using connections to understand a character: What personal experiences can help me to better understand a character in the story?	Making text-to-world connections: What information in this story relates to what I know about the world?	Making text-to-text connections: How can I relate what I read about in one book to help me understand another book?	Making several connections at once: How can I make several different connections at the same time?	
5	6	7	8	9	
Unit 3, Week 2: Activating Background Knowledge					
Rosa Parks	Rosa Parks	Rosa Parks	Rosa Parks		
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4 and 5	Flex Mini-lesson	
Activating background knowledge: How can I use the information on a book's cover to help me prepare to read the book?	Previewing a text to activate background knowledge: How can I preview a book to help me prepare to read it?	Using what you know throughout the story: How can I use my background knowledge as I read to better understand a story?	Bridging gaps in background knowledge: How can I fill the gaps in my background knowledge as I read a book and learn more about what I've learned?		
12	13	14	15	16	
Unit 3, Week 3: Building Vocabulary and Concept Knowledge Buscadores de fósiles	Buscadores de fósiles	Buscadores de fósiles	Buscadores de fósiles	Unit 3, Week 4: Making Inferences Marionetas	
Day 1	Day 2 and 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	
Using text features to determine important vocabulary: How can I figure out which words in a text are important to understand?	Using text features to identify important vocabulary: What can I look for in the text to help me figure out important words?	Problem-solving unfamiliar words: How can I figure out the meanings of unknown words in a text?	Clustering similar words: What words in this text are similar and how do they relate to each other?	Using clues to figure out unfamiliar words: What clues can I get from a text to help me understand new words?	
19	20	21	22	23	
Marionetas	Marionetas	Marionetas	Marionetas		
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Winter Ducal	
Creating mental images: How can I use mental images to help me understand confusing text?	Revising your inferences as you read: Why is it important that I revise incorrect inferences as I read?	Using inferences to clear up confusion: How can inferences help me figure out something that is confusing to me?	Identifying the main idea of a book: How can I use inferences to help me figure out a book's main idea?	Winter Break	

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January

2	3	4	5	6
Winter Break	Winter Break	Flex Mini-lesson: Revisit Rituals and Routines	Flex Mini-lesson: Revisit Rituals and Routines	Informational Reading Mini-lessons Available at: http://www.thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html
9	10	11	12	13
Informational Reading Mini-lessons Available at: http://www.thecenter.spps.o rg/elemlit.html	Unit 4, Week 1: Understanding Story Grammar El Unicornio del Oeste Day 1	El Unicornio del Oeste Day 2	El Unicornio del Oeste Day 3	El Unicornio del Oeste Day 4
<u>ig/eiennit.num</u>	Identifying the main character and setting: How do I identify the main character and setting?	Identifying the initiating event: What event or problem starts the action in this story?	Understanding the relationships between characters: How do the characters in this story affect one another?	Identifying how the main character's problem is solved? How does the main character plan to solve the problem?
16	17	18	19	20
Martin Luther King Holiday			Atentamente, Ricitos de Oro Day 2 Using the relationships between characters to predict the story: How does one problem in this story lead to another? Atentamente, Ricitos de Oro Day 3 Identifying more than one problem How does one problem in this sto to another?	
23	24	25	26	27
Atentamente, Ricitos de Oro Day 4	Atentamente, Ricitos de Oro Day 5	Unit 4, Week 3: Identifying and Understanding Literary Devices Cuando la noche esta oscura Day 1	Guillo en la pradera Day 2	Professional Day
Understanding a character: What is the character doing and why?	Identifying the character's relationship in the past: How do the characters affect what happens in the story?	Recognizing Alliteration: What are examples of alliteration in this poem?	Recognizing onomatopoeia: What words in this poem sound like the noises they represent?	

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February

Jan. 30	Jan. 31	1	2 Unit 4, Week 4: Identifying and Using	3
El sapo y la mariposa	Al acostarme en el verano	No les tengo miedo	Text Features Un viaje sorprendente	Un viaje sorprendente
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2
Recognizing onomatopoeia: What are some other examples of onomatopoeia in this poem?	Using imagery in contrast: What two images does the poet contrast in this poem?	Understanding the use of understatement? How do the characters affect what happens in the story?	Using the cover and title to make predictions: What do the title and the cover tell me about this book?	Using the contents page to organize your thinking: How can the contents page help me understand this book?
6	7	8	9	10
Un viaje sorprendente	Un viaje sorprendente	Un viaje sorprendente	Flex Mini-lesson	Response to Literature
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		Reading Mini-Lessons Available at:
Using changes in font to understand text: What do the font changes mean in this book?	Using chapter titles to understand the story: How do the chapter titles help me understand the story?	Tracking dialogue: How do I track dialogue in a story?		http://www.thecenter.spps.
13	14	15	16	17
Available at: http://www.th	e Reading Mini-Lessons eccenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	Unit 5, Week 1: Setting and Monitoring Your Purpose for Reading La visión del artista	La visión del artista	
in the upcoming third grade Writer	s that will be revisited as Mentor Texts 's Workshop Response to Literature:	Day 1	Day 2	Conference Prep Day
Book Review	unit of Study.	Identifying your purpose for reading: Why do I want to read this nonfiction book?	Revising your purpose as you read: How do my reasons for reading change as I read?	
20	21	22	23	24
Presidents' Day	La visión del artista	La visión del artista	Unit 5, Week 2: Identifying and Using Nonfiction Features and Structures Habia una vezzzzzzzuna abeja	Habia una vezzzzzzzuna abeja
Holiday	Day 3 and 4	Day 5	Day 2	Day 3
	Using your purpose to generate questions: Now that I've set a purpose for reading this book, what questions do I have about the subject?	Identifying the author's purpose: Why did the author write this book?	Using and introduction: What can the introduction tell me about what I will learn in this book?	Reading an interview: Why is question- and-answer format an interesting way to present information?

March

Feb. 27	Feb. 28	Feb. 28 Feb. 29 1		2		
Habia una vezzzzzzzuna abeja	Unit 5, Week 3: Identifying and Using Nonfiction Features and Structures Yo-Yo Ma	nfiction Features and Structures		Уо-Уо-Ма		
Day 4 and 5	Day 1	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
Identifying when authors tell events in time order: How can I tell if the author has organized the information in this book in time-order sequence?	Using an index: How can an index help me find out about a particular fact or event?	Using a glossary: How can I use the glossary to better understand particular words as I am reading?	Identifying when an author uses quotes: How do the person's actual words used in the quotes make this biography come to life?	Identifying when authors use time order: In what order are the events in this biography described?		
Unit 5, Week 4: Identifying and Using Nonfiction Features and Structures	6			9		
Como cambia la Tierra	Como cambia la Tierra	Como cambia la Tierra	Como cambia la Tierra			
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 and 4	Day 5	Conference Day		
Using headings: How can I turn a heading into a question and where will I then find the answer to it?	Reading a diagram: How can the details and information in a diagram help me better understand the information in the book?	information in a diagram help me a satellite image to a map provide me a satellite image to a map provide me and effect: How does the author us and effect to structure the information in the				
12	13	14	15	16		
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break		
19	20	21 22		23		
Flex Mini-lesson		Content Focused Literacy Instruction				
26	27	27 28 29		30		
Content Focused Literacy Instruction	Poetry Reading Mini-lessons Available at: http://www.thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html These reading lessons will be on texts that will be revisited as Mentor Texts in the upcoming third grade Writer's Workshop Poetry unit of study.					

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April

2 <u>Unit 6, Week 1:</u>	3	4	5	6
Taking Notes on Fiction Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos	Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos	Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos	Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos	
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Professional Day
Taking notes on sticky notes: How can I use sticky notes to take notes that will help me better remember and understand the book I'm reading?	Matching a graphic organizer to a text: How can a graphic organizer help me keep track of information in the book I'm reading?	Using a fishbone map to understand the text? How can I use a graphic organizer to help me understand the story?	Using a fishbone map to retell a story: How can I use my graphic organizer to talk about the story?	
9	10	11	12	13
Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos Day 5 Using a fishbone map to write about the story? How can a graphic organizer help me write a summary of the story I've just	Available	Test Practice Mini-lessons Available at: http://www.thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html		
read? 16	17	18	19	20
Flex Mini-lesson	Unit 6, Week 3: Self Monitoring/Self Correcting Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina		Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina Day 2 Rereading when meaning is lost: Why is it important of go back and reread if I have lost the meaning of what I am reading?	
Flex Mini-lesson	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	26 Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina Day 3	27 Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina Day 4
			Using themes to self-monitor: How can I put clues together	Reviewing what you read to self- monitor: How can I use the title of the book to help me check on my understanding of each story?

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May

Apr. 30	1	2	3	4		
Cuentos folclóricos de América Latina						
Day 5 Using genre to self- monitor: How can I use the title of the book to help me	Content Focused Literacy Instruction					
check on my understanding of each story?						
7	8	Unit 6, Week 4: Visualizing Un diario de los animalitos del lago	10 Un diario de los animalitos del lago	Un diario de los animalitos del lago		
Content Focused Literacy Instruction	Flex Mini-lesson	Day 1 Using photographs to visualize: How do the photographs that illustrate the book help me picture what the animals described in the book look like?	Day 2 Using background knowledge to visualize: What can I rely on when there is no photograph to help me visualize what something looks like?	Day 3 Using phrases to visualize: What phrases give me information that helps me visualize the subject of the book?		
14	15	16	17	18		
Un diario de los animalitos del lago	Un diario de los animalitos del lago	Unit 7, Week 1: Evaluating Nonfiction Las cebras	Las cebras	Las cebras		
Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3		
Pausing to visualize: How is it helpful to sometimes stop and visualize what the author is describing?	Revising your visualizations: How do the pictures in my head change as I read the book?	Asking questions about the author: What does the author of the nonfiction book I'm reading know about the subject of book?	Evaluating the clarity of information in a nonfiction book: Are the details in the book easy to understand?	Evaluating the clarity of the information in a nonfiction book? Are the details in the book easy to read?		
21	22	23	24	25		
Las cebras	Las cebras	Unit 7, Week 3: Evaluating Nonfiction Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos	Nuevos idiomas, nuevos amigos		
Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3		
Evaluating illustrations in nonfiction: Do the photographs or illustrations in this book relate to the text and provide me with additional information?	Evaluating a book: Did the authors of the book I just read give lost of facts and explain them well?	Considering the author's purpose and motivation: What kinds of questions can I ask myself to help me better understand the author's purpose in writing this book?	Identifying the author's stand on an issue or relation to a topic: Do I agree with the author's opinion that is expressed in the book?	Distinguishing between fact and opinion: How can I tell the difference between fact and opinion in the book I am reading?		

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Mont	th/week	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	
Sept.	6-9		Launching	Launching	Launching	Launching	Launching	Launching	
12	2-16	Launching	Writer's	Writer's	Writer's	Writer's	Writer's	Writer's	
	9-23	Writer's		Workshop: Dev.	Workshop: The	Workshop:	Workshop: Building Variety &	Workshop: Lifting the Level of the	Workshop: Envis-
2	26-30	Workshop: Being	Writerly Habits	Writerly Life	Looking Outward	Stamina	Writer's NB	ioning an Entry	
Oct.: 3	3-7	a Writer							
1	0-14	Telling and	Personal						
	17-18	Drawing Our	Narrative: Small Moments	Personal Narrative: Small	Narrative: Memoir	Dealistic Fiction	Narrative: Memoir	Realistic Fiction	
	24-28	Stories	Woments	Moment	Narrative. Memoir	Realistic Fiction	ivarrative. Memoir	Realistic Fiction	
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	'-10	Functional Writing	Writing for						
	4-18	T directorial vviiting	Readers	Procedural	Functional:	CFLI	CFLI		
	1-23			Writing	Friendly Letter	Response to		Response to	
	8-12/2				CFLI	Literature: Mentor	Response to	Literature:	
	5-9	Personal	Procedural	CFLI	Revision Unit:	Author Study	Literature:	Literary Essay	
	12-16	Narrative	Writing	Revision Unit:	The Art of		Literary Essay		
	19-22		ŭ	Exploring Punct.	Punctuation				
	4-6		Informational						
	9-13		Writing: Question Informational		Informational	Informational			
	17-20	Author Study		Writing: All-About	Informational	Writing: Literary	Writing:	Feature Article	
	23-26	j		Book	Writing: Report	Nonfiction Picture Book Biography Picture Book			
	/30-2/3					DOOK	BOOK		
	6-10 3-16	Going Deeper with Skills of	Personal						
	21-24	Writing	Narrative			CFLI	CFLI	ъ .	
	27-3/2	Tritaing		Author Study & Response to	Author Study & Response to	CFLI	CFLI	Persuasive Writing: Letter to	
	5-8		Response to	Literature: Book	Literature: Book		Poetry: Self	the Editor	
	19-23		Literature:	Recommendation	Review	Poetry: The	Image		
	26-30	Informational	Retelling	CFLI	CFLI	Power of Image			
	2-5	Writing: Expert Book	-	-				Revision Study &	
	9-13	DOOK	Informational		Poetry:	Punctuation		Open Cycle	
1	16-20		Writing: Expert	Poetry:	Sharpening Our	Study: Art of	Personal Essay		
2	23-27		Book Looking In	LOOKING III	Outer Vision	Punctuation &			
May: 4	1/30-5/4					Open Cycle			
	7-11	Poetry		0	CFLI	CFLI	Mritton	Poetry:	
	14-18	Poetry Poetry	Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences	On an Oveler	Soionoo	Written Correspondence	Poet Study		
	21-25		ı ocuy	_	Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences	Science Procedure	·		
	28-6/1			CFLI	Craiting Octionous	1 10000010	CFLI		
June:	4-8		to are towaht in Eng						

^{*} Shaded Units are taught in English

Writer's Workshop Units of Study **Grade 3 Spanish Immersion**

Launch Date	Unit of Study	Approximate Duration
September (first week)	Launching Writer's Workshop: Looking Outward	4 weeks
October (first week)	Narrative: Memoir	6 weeks
November (third week)	Functional: Friendly Letter	2 weeks
December (first week)	Revision Unit: The Art of Punctuation	2-3 weeks
January (first week)	Informational Writing: Report	7 weeks
February (fourth week)	Author Study and Response to Literature: Book Review	5 weeks
April (first week)	Poetry: Sharpening Our Outer Vision	4 weeks
May (third week)	Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences	2-3 weeks

GRADE 3 Writer's Workshop: BIG IDEAS

UNIT OF STUDY Approximate Duration	BIG IDEAS	UNIT PRODUCTS AND ARTIFACTS
Launching Writer's Workshop: Looking Outward (4 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 View the world as a writer and themselves as a member of a community of writers Use rituals and routines to develop writing habits as well as to work independently and with others. Use a writer's notebook to generate and collect a wide-range of ideas and craft techniques. Develop an idea through the steps of the writing process from collecting entries through to publication Apply previously taught spelling, grammar and punctuation strategies daily 	 Establish a writer's notebook Open Cycle Publishing
Narrative: Memoir (6 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Begin to reflect as a habit of mind Notice the features of a memoir and build a definition of the genre Construct a craft chart noting in detail the various craft strategies authors use (repetition of words or lines, alliteration, figurative language, etc.) Discover a variety of strategies to help them remember their stories, telling their memories orally, and writing them down Craft a memoir by reflecting upon the significance of a single event or a series of connected events 	Publish a memoir
Functional: Friendly Letter (2 weeks) Designed at the site level	 Identify the features and format/layout of a friendly letter Establish the purpose and topics for writing a friendly letter Explore the friendly letter register (politeness conventions, voice, word choice) 	Publish a friendly letter
Revision Unit: The Art of Punctuation (2-3 weeks) Designed at the site level	 Understand that writers use punctuation as a craft technique to shape the way that readers read their texts Notice and discuss how authors use punctuation as a craft technique (slow the pace, set a mood, create suspense, etc.) Experiment with other authors' use of punctuation as a craft using a previously published piece or writer's notebook entries as a springboard Be accountable for using punctuation in all writing, including first drafts 	Publishing (Revising for punctuation)

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UNIT OF STUDY Approximate Duration	BIG IDEAS	UNIT PRODUCTS AND ARTIFACTS
Informational Writing: Report (7 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Create a definition of informational/report writing Focus on a specific topic in-depth Use a variety of resources to gather information on a topic of interest or expertise Interpret and talk about information that has been collected Develop an understanding of how to gather and classify information Describe the topic with facts and supporting details grouped through paragraphing and/or headings Use a variety of elements such as facts, details, diagrams, illustrations, and quotations to support the main idea/topic 	Publish a report
Author Study and Response to Literature: Book Review (5 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Read, discuss, analyze and evaluate various book reviews Identify the features of a book review Clearly state an opinion about or connection to a text and organize their thoughts to support this statement Support their opinion with evidence from the text, using quotes appropriately Craft a book review on a text of choice that includes an analysis of the literary craft of the piece, an interpretation of the theme and message, and an evaluation of the text as a whole 	Publish a book review
Poetry: Sharpening Outer Vision (4 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Identify the elements of poetry to build a shared definition of the genre Closely observe the world (animals, objects, people) to get ideas for poems and write poems about ordinary things in everyday life using fresh eyes and carefully chosen words Recognize poetic language (rhythm, patterns, comparisons, descriptive words that evoke senses, some rhyme, simile and metaphor) Develop and use strategies to craft poems that "sound good:" repetition, sound effects, onomatopoeia, alliteration, rhythm, parallel construction and deliberately chosen line breaks Use language to describe how something looks, smells, tastes, feels or sounds Understand the way that print and space work in poems and use this knowledge when writing poems Write a variety of poems 	Publish a personal and class poetry anthology
Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences (2-3 weeks) Designed at the site level	 Further develop their ability to read a mentor text for the purpose of noticing craft Identify, name, discuss, and evaluate a variety of craft techniques Identify the purpose of a variety of crafting techniques Imitate mentor sentences to expand their repertoire of sentence types Select craft techniques to apply to their writing with a specific audience and purpose in mind 	Open Cycle Publishing