SPPS Literacy Initiative 2011-2012

Saint Paul Public Schools

Reader's Workshop Pacing Guide Mini-lessons for Whole Class Instruction

Grade 5

This pacing guide provides the overall scope and sequence of whole class mini-lessons for Grade 5 Reader's Workshop. This year-long sequence incorporates:

- Saint Paul Public Schools unit for launching the Reader's Workshop;
- Mondo Bookshop lessons and materials;
- Days for teaching reading mini-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.

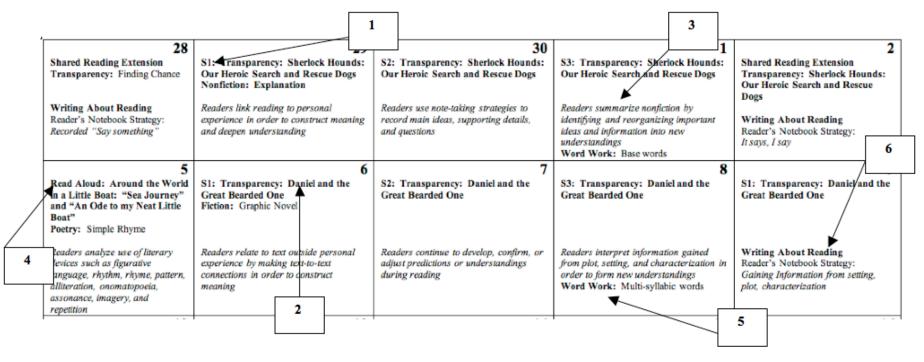
This pacing guide provides the SPPS Writer's Workshop Units of Study Calendar including:

- 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; and,
- Suggested unit products and artifacts.

Grade 5 Pacing Guide

The fifth 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, transparencies for shared reading as well as three-page articles or read aloud selections spiral up in difficulty from Level Q to Level W.

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



- 1. The session number refers to the numbered lesson plan session. Lesson plans for transparencies have three mini-lessons and a writing extension; read alouds have one mini-lesson.
- 2. The title of the selection appears in each box. The type of text and genre are included with the first mention of the selection.
- 3. There is a different specific teaching focus for each session of each lesson plan.
- 4. Read aloud selections have one session and one focus.
- 5. Word work activities related to the text are included in the pacing chart.
- **6.** Writing About Reading lesson plans are located on the Center for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development website.



September

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Labor Day Holiday	A	A Community of Readers: Reader's Workshop Launch Unit Overview Available at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html			
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		eaders: Reader's Workshop Laund ble at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlin			
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S1: Transparency: Books for Oliver Fiction: Realistic Fiction	S2: Transparency: Books for Oliver	S3: Transparency: Books for Oliver Fiction: Realistic Fiction	Shared Reading Extension Transparency: Books for Oliver	Memoir Reading Mini- lessons Available at:	
Readers preview text in order to make predictions prior to and/or during reading and to activate prior knowledge	Readers identify the main idea by determining what is important in the text	Readers make personal connections to the text and to create deeper meaning Word Work: Suffixes	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Quick Write	http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html These reading lessons use texts that will be revisited as mentor	

October

	Memoir Reading Mini-lessons vailable at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemats that will be revisited as mentor texts in unit of study.		S1: Transparency: Tell Us a Tale, Hans! The Life of Hans Christian Andersen Nonfiction: Biography Readers use nonfiction text structures, such as chronology and cause and effect, to construct meaning and decome	7 S2: Transparency: Tell us a Tale, Hans! The Life of Hans Christian Andersen Readers distinguish between fact and opinion
S3: Transparency: Tell Us a Tale, Hans! The Life of Hans Christian Andersen	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Tell Us a Tale, Hans! The Life of Hans Christian Andersen	to construct meaning and deeperunderstanding 12 Read Aloud: In and Around the Pacific Rim: "Virtual Holiday to the Pacific Rim" Historical Fiction to construct meaning and deeperunderstanding S1: Transparency: Plant Wo "Planet of the Plants" Fiction: Science Fiction		S2: Transparency: Plant World: "Planet of the Plants"
Readers ask questions of the author to understand the author's point of view Word Work: compound words	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Fab Five	Readers establish purpose for reading and analyze whether or not purpose was met	Readers develop, confirm or adjust predictions or understandings during reading	Readers locate details in text to support and justify main idea
S3: Transparency: Plant World: "Planet of the Plants" Readers identify the purpose of similes, metaphors, and personification in context Word Work: multi-syllabic words	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Plant World: "Planet of the Plants" Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Leaning In	Conference Prep	Education Minnesota Professional Conference	Education Minnesota Professional Conference
24 Flex Mini-lesson	25 S1: Transparency: Mountain Manor Mystery Fiction: Mystery	S2: Transparency: Mountain Manor Mystery S3: Transparency: Mountain Manor Mystery		Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Mountain Manor Mystery
	Readers establish a purpose for reading and analyze whether or not that purpose was met	Readers locate details in text to support and justify main idea	Readers distinguish between fact and opinion Word work: Base words and suffixes	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Character Analysis

November

Oct. 31 Read Aloud Selection: Plant World: "The World of Plants" Nonfiction: Report Readers identify main idea by determining what is important in text (whole book, chapter, passage, or text type)	S1: Transparency: Magnets: "Magnetism" Nonfiction: Explanation Readers establish a purpose for reading and analyze whether or not the purpose was met	"Magnetism" Readers activate understandings gained from sources other than personal experience to make text-to-world connections in order to deepen understanding of text		S2: Transparency: Magnets: "Magnetism" Nonfiction: Explanation Readers activate understandings gained from sources other than personal experience to make text-to-world connections in order to deepen understanding of text S3: Transparency: Magnets: "Magnetism" Nonfiction: Explanation Readers use note-taking strategies to record main ideas, supporting details, and questions Word Work: Base words		4
7 Flex Mini-lesson	Read Aloud Selection: Iron Mikkos the Magnet Man Fiction: Fantasy Readers preview text to activate and connect prior knowledge to text to make predictions prior to and/or during reading	and the Sisters: A Thrice-told Tale Fiction: Fairy Tale Readers synthesize important information		S2: Transparency: Beauty, the Beast, and the Sisters: A Thrice-told Tale Readers understand the different points of view of characters in a story	Conference Day	11
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S3: Transparency: Beauty, the Beast, and the Sisters: A Thrice-told Tale Readers identify main idea and link to overall theme of the selection Word Work: Base words and affixes	Shared Reading Extension Transparency: Beauty, the Beast, and the Sisters: A Thrice-told Tale Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Theme	Response to Literature Reading Min Available at http://thecenter.spps.org/elen These reading lessons use texts that will be revisited as mentor to Writer's Workshop Literary Essay unit of		lable at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit. exts that will be revisited as mentor texts	html in the upcoming fifth grade	
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Available at http://thecoration.html These reading lessons use text texts in the upcoming fifth gr	re Reading Mini-lessons enter.spps.org/elemlit.html tts that will be revisited as mentor rade Writer's Workshop Literary nit of study.		Flex Mini-lesson	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	

December

Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	1	2
S1: Transparency: Finding Chance Fiction: Realistic Fiction Readers understand different points of view of a range of characters in fiction	S2: Transparency: Finding Chance Readers use story elements, such as characterization and plot in order to make reasonable predictions	S3: Transparency: Finding Chance Readers compare and contrast information in texts to gain new understandings Word Work: Base words	Shared Reading Extension Transparency: Finding Chance Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Recorded "Say something"	S1: Transparency: Sherlock Hounds: Our Heroic Search and Rescue Dogs Nonfiction: Explanation Readers link reading to personal experience in order to construct meaning and deepen understanding
S2: Transparency: Sherlock Hounds: Our Heroic Search and Rescue Dogs Readers use note-taking strategies to record main ideas, supporting details, and questions	S3: Transparency: Sherlock Hounds: Our Heroic Search and Rescue Dogs Readers summarize nonfiction by identifying and reorganizing important ideas and information into new understandings Word Work: Base words	7 Shared Reading Extension Transparency: Sherlock Hounds: Our Heroic Search and Rescue Dogs Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: It says, I say	Read Aloud: Around the World in a Little Boat: "Sea Journey" and "An Ode to my Neat Little Boat" Poetry: Simple Rhyme Readers analyze use of literary devices such as figurative language, rhythm, rhyme, pattern, alliteration, onomatopoeia, assonance, imagery, and repetition	S1: Transparency: Daniel and the Great Bearded One Fiction: Graphic Novel Readers relate to text outside personal experience by making text-to-text connections in order to construct meaning
S2: Transparency: Daniel and the Great Bearded One	S3: Transparency: Daniel and the Great Bearded One	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Daniel and the Great Bearded One	S1: Transparency: Route 66: Main Street of America Nonfiction: Report	S2: Transparency: Route 66: Main Street of America
Readers continue to develop, confirm, or adjust predictions or understandings during reading	Readers interpret information gained from plot, setting, and characterization in order to form new understandings Word Work: Multi-syllabic words	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Gaining Information from setting, plot, characterization Readers skim nonfiction text		Readers use cause and effect relationships to construct meaning in nonfiction texts
S3: Transparency: Route 66: Main Street of America	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Route 66: Main Street of America	Read Aloud: Life Cycles: "In Search of the Giant Insect" Fiction: Adventure	22 Flex Mini-lesson	23 Winter Break
Readers generate questions of texts and read with a clear focus to identify answers (explicit or implicit) in text	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Summarizing Questions	Readers use elements of story structure in fiction texts (characterization, setting, theme, plot, chapter titles) in order to predict, construct meaning, and deepen understanding		

January

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Winter Break	Winter Break	Flex mini-lesson: Rituals & Routines	Biography Read Available at http://thecer These reading lessons use texts that v upcoming fifth grade Writer's Wo	nter.spps.org/elemlit.html will be revisited as mentor texts in the
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	Biography Reading Mini-lessons		S2: Transparency: Eaglesmount: The Silver Horn Readers make judgments about a range	S3: Transparency: Eaglesmount: The Silver Horn Readers identify descriptive language
	ontinued	Readers activate prior knowledge in order to make predictions	of characters in fiction	in text in order to create sensory images that deepen connection with text Word Work: Affixes
Martin Luther King	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Eaglesmount: The Silver Horn	Read Aloud: A New Way Realistic Fiction	S1: Transparency: In and Around the Pacific Rim Nonfiction: Report	S2: Transparency: In and Around the Pacific Rim
Holiday	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Character Analysis	Readers compare and contrast information in texts to gain new understandings or to deepen understanding	Readers use visual information in nonfiction text in order to deepen comprehension	Readers understand cause-and-effect relationships in nonfiction text in order to deepen comprehension of new information
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S3: Transparency: In and Around the Pacific Rim	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: In and Around the Pacific Rim	Read Aloud: Caves: "Adventure at Old Diggers' Ridge" Fiction: Adventure	Flex Mini-lesson	Professional Development Day
Readers reread to clarify meaning or concepts Word Work: Base words and prefixes	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Rereading to Clarify Understanding	Readers continue to develop, confirm, or adjust predictions or understandings during reading	FICA IVIIII-ICSSOII	1 totessional Development Day

February

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S1: Transparency: Won't Take No for an Answer! The Story of Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman Nonfiction: Biography	S2: Transparency: Won't Take No for an Answer! The Story of Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman	S3: Transparency: Won't Take No for an Answer! The Story of Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman Nonfiction: Biography	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Won't Take No for an Answer! The Story of Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman	Read Aloud: Hunters, Gatherers, and Trackers: "Top Dog" Fiction: Imaginative Recount		
Readers combine context with relevant prior knowledge to create personal meaning from text	Readers return to the text to explain and justify inferential thinking	experience by making text-to-text Reader's Notebook Strategy:		Readers ask questions of self by accessing prior knowledge or clarifying overall understandings		
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S1: Transparency: Jerry Yang: Chief Yahoo Nonfiction: Biography	S2: Transparency: Jerry Yang: Chief Yahoo	S3: Transparency: Jerry Yang: Chief Yahoo	S3: Transparency: Jerry Yang: Shared Reading Extension:			
Readers make text-to-text connections	Readers identify the main idea and link it to the overall theme of the text	Readers identify the author's bias and critically evaluate its influence on the reader Word Work: multi-syllabic words	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Fab Five	Readers ask questions of author to understand author's bias, purpose, or point of view		
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These reading lessons	Poetry Reading Mini-lessons Available at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html These reading lessons use texts that will be revisited as mentor texts in the upcoming fifth grade Writer's Workshop Poetry unit of study.					
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President's Day Holiday	Flex Mini-lesson	S1: Transparency: Grand Central Terminal: Gateway to New York City Nonfiction: Explanation Readers use graphics and illustrations in	S2: Transparency: Grand Central Terminal: Gateway to New York City Readers ask questions of the author in	S3: Transparency: Grand Central Terminal: Gateway to New York City Readers distinguish between fact and		
		nonfiction to clarify overall understanding while reading	order to understand the author's bias	fiction Word work: compound words		

Reader's Workshop Whole Class Mini-lessons Grade 5

March

Feb. 27 Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Grand Central Terminal: Gateway to New York City Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Quick Write	Feb. 28 Read Aloud Selection: Gold Fever: "Letters from the Past" Nonfiction: Transactional Readers infer cause-and-effect relationships implied in text	Science Literacy Reading Mini-lessons Available at http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html These reading lessons use the text that will be revisited in the upcoming Engineering is Elementary science unit of study.		S1: Transparency: Ant Life Sweet Fiction: Animal Story Readers use elements of story structure, such as characterization and setting, in order to make predictions and deepen understanding
S2: Transparency: Ant Life Sweet Readers make critical judgments in order to establish an individual point of view	S3: Transparency: Ant Life Sweet Readers summarize fictional text by identifying plot sequence and important story events Word Work: Base words	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Ant Life Sweet Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Character analysis	red Reading Extension: nsparency: Ant Life Sweet Read Aloud Selection: Adventures in History: "Life in Ancient Greece" Nonfiction: Report Readers locate details in text to support and justify main idea	
12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	Spring Break Spring Break		16 Spring Break
19 Flex Mini-lesson	S1: Transparency: Women of the American Revolution "Sybil Ludington" Nonfiction: Biography Readers develop, confirm, or adjust predictions or understandings during reading	S2: Transparency: Women of the American Revolution "Sybil Ludington" Readers locate details to justify the main idea	S3: Transparency: Women of the American Revolution "Sybil Ludington" Readers link descriptive language in text to personal experience and knowledge to create sensory images to deepen connection with text Word Work: Prefixes and context clues	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Women of the American Revolution "Sybil Ludington" Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: It Says, I Say
Read Aloud: "Coral and Other Reefs" Nonfiction: Report	27 S1: Transparency: Rescue Mission "Rescue" Realistic Fiction	S2: Transparency: Rescue Mission "Rescue"	S3: Transparency: Rescue Mission "Rescue"	Shared Reading Extension: Rescue Mission "Rescue" Transparency
Readers distinguish between fact and opinion	Readers link reading to personal experience in order to construct meaning and deepen understanding	Readers understand different points of view of a range of characters in fiction	Readers return to text to explain and justify Word Work: Latin roots	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Leaning in

April

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Read Aloud: Speed Force and Gravity: "All About Motion" Nonfiction: Explanation	S1: Transparency: The Space Program Fiction: Science Fiction	S2: Transparency: The Space Program	S3: Transparency: The Space Program	v		
Readers summarize nonfiction by identifying and reorganizing important ideas and information into new understandings	Readers use the story element of characterization in order to make predictions and construct meaning	Readers confirm, or adjust predictions while reading	Readers identify important plot ideas and story events in order to summarize their reading Word Work: multi-syllabic words	Professional Development Day		
Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: The Space	Read Aloud: Gold Fever: "Gold" Nonfiction: Report	11	12	13		
Program Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Summarizing Story Events	Readers generate questions of texts and read with a clear focus to identify answers (explicit or implicit) in text	Test Practice Mini-lessons Available at: http://thecenter.sppsorg/elemlit.html				
16	17	18	19	20		
Flex Mini-lesson	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	Flex Mini-lesson	Flex Mini-lesson		
S1: Transparency: Water Wonders of the World Nonfiction: Report	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	25 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	S2: Transparency: Water Wonders of the World	S3: Transparency: Water Wonders of the World		
Readers activate understandings gained from sources other than personal experience to make text- to-world connections to deepen understanding of text	Tissessments	1. I Second III	Readers infer cause-and-effect relationships implied	Readers identify author's point of view and use it to construct meaning and deepen understanding Word Work: Compound words		

May

Apr. 30	1	2	3	4
Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Water Wonders of the World	Read Aloud: Dreams: "The Harsh Winter" Historical Fiction	S1: Transparency: Tammy Toodlepepper to the Rescue Fiction: Adventure S2: Transparency: Tammy Toodlepepper to the Rescue		S3: Transparency: Tammy Toodlepepper to the Rescue
Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Rereading to Clarify Understanding	Readers identify and understand the purpose of similes, metaphors, personification, and hyperbole in context	Readers establish a purpose for reading and analyze whether or not the purpose was met	Readers develop, confirm, or adjust predictions while reading	Readers summarize fiction by identifying important plot ideas and story events Word Work: Suffixes
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Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Tammy Toodlepepper to the Rescue	Read Aloud: Flips, Twists, and Somersaults Fiction: Imaginative Recount	S1: Transparency: America's Mountains Nonfiction: Report	S2: Transparency: America's Mountains	S3: Transparency: America's Mountains
Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Say Something	Readers summarize fiction text by identifying important details (plot ideas, sequence or events, character traits, and other information) and synthesizing into coherent understandings	Readers identify the main idea by determining what is important in the chapter	Readers compare and contrast information in the text	Readers use features of nonfiction text, such as photographs, to gain new information Word Work: Prefixes
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Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: America's Mountains	Flex Mini-lesson	Read Aloud: Speed, Force, and Gravity: "Johann's Anti-Gravity Machine" Science Fiction	S1: Transparency: Very Small Things "Microbes" Nonfiction: Explanation	S2: Transparency: Very Small Things "Microbes"
Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Quick Write		Readers make critical judgments as part of personal response when establishing individual points of view	Readers generate questions of texts and read with a clear focus to identify answers	Readers use note-taking strategies to record main ideas, supporting details, and questions
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S3: Transparency: Very Small Things "Microbes"	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Very Small Things "Microbes"	S1: Transparency: Hunters, Gatherers, and Trackers "Hunters and Gatherers" Nonfiction: Report	S2: Transparency: Hunters, Gatherers, and Trackers "Hunters and Gatherers"	S3: Transparency: Hunters, Gatherers, and Trackers "Hunters and Gatherers"
Readers reread to clarify meaning or concepts Word Work: Prefixes	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Rereading to Clarify Understanding	Readers distinguish the main idea from supporting details by determining what is important in text	Readers use note-taking strategies to record main ideas and supporting details	Readers summarize nonfiction by identifying and reorganizing important ideas and information into new understandings Word Work: Affixes

June

May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	1
Memorial Day Holiday	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Hunters, Gatherers, and Trackers "Hunters and Gatherers"	Read Aloud: Maria's Dream: "The Competition" Realistic Fiction	S1: Transparency: Adventures in History "Helen's dilemma" Fiction: Play	S2: Transparency: Adventures in History "Helen's dilemma"
	Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Fab Five	Readers link features of text to knowledge of texts (text types, plot lines, features, structures) to deepen understanding	Readers combine context with relevant prior knowledge to create personal meaning from text	Readers understand different points of view of characters in order to make judgments about a range of characters in fiction
S3: Transparency: Adventures in History "Helen's dilemma" Readers identify the author's bias and evaluate its influence on the reader Word Work: Base words	Shared Reading Extension: Transparency: Adventures in History "Helen's Dilemma"" Writing About Reading Reader's Notebook Strategy: Theme	Read Aloud: Setting Out, Getting There, "Animal Migration" Nonfiction: Report Readers activate understandings gained from sources other than personal experience to make text-to-world connections to deepen understanding of text	7 Flex Mini-lesson	8 Launching into Summer Reading

		Writer's World	kshop Units of	Study Calenda	ar 2011-2012		
Month/week	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Sept. 6-9 12-16 19-23 26-30	Launching Writer's Workshop: Being	Launching Writer's Workshop: Dev. Writerly Habits	Launching Writer's Workshop: The Writerly Life	Launching Writer's Workshop: Looking Outward	Launching Writer's Workshop: Building Variety &	Launching Writer's Workshop: Lifting the Level of the	Launching Writer's Workshop: Envis- ioning an Entry
Oct.: 3-7 10-14 17-18	a Writer Telling and Drawing Our	Personal Narrative: Small	Personal Narrative: Small		Stamina	Writer's NB	
24-28 Nov.: 10/31-11/4 7-10	Stories	Moments	Moment	Narrative: Memoir	Realistic Fiction	Narrative: Memoir	Realistic Fiction
14-18 21-23	Functional Writing	Writing for Readers	Procedural Writing	Functional: Friendly Letter			
28-12/2 Dec. : 5-9 12-16 19-22	Personal Narrative	Procedural Writing	Revision Unit: Exploring Punct.	Revision Unit: The Art of Punctuation	Response to Literature: Mentor Author Study	Response to Literature: Literary Essay	Feature Article
Jan.: 4-6 9-13 17-20 23-26	- Author Study	Informational Writing: Question & Answer Book	Informational Writing: All-About	Informational Writing: Report	Informational Writing: Literary Nonfiction Picture	Informational Writing: Biography Picture Book	Persuasive Writing: Letter to the Editor
Feb.: 1/30-2/3 6-10 13-16	Going Deeper with Skills of	Personal Narrative	Book Author Study &		Book		Response to
21-24 27-3/2 Mar. : 5-8	Writing	Response to	Response to Literature: Book Recommendation	Author Study & Response to Literature: Book Review	Poetry: The Power of Image	Poetry: Self Image	Literature: Literary Essay
19-23 26-30 Apr. : 2-5	Informational Writing: Expert	Literature: Retelling					Revision Study &
9-13 16-20	Book	Informational Writing: Expert	Looking In	Poetry: Sharpening Our Outer Vision	Punctuation Study: Art of Punctuation &	Personal Essay	Open Cycle
23-27 May: 4/30-5/4 7-11 14-18 21-25	Poetry	Poetry	Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences	Open Cycle: Crafting Sentences	Open Cycle Science Procedure	Written Correspondence	Poetry: Poet Study
29-6/1 June : 4-8							

Writer's Workshop Units of Study Grade 5

Launch Date	Launch Date Unit of Study	
September (first week)	Launching Writer's Workshop: Lifting the Level of the Writer's Notebook	5 weeks
October (second week)	Narrative: Memoir	6 weeks
November (fourth week)	Response to Literature: Literary Essay	5 weeks
January (first week)	Informational Writing: Biography Picture Book	6 weeks
February (third week)	Poetry: Self-Image	4 weeks
March (fourth week)	Personal Essay	5 weeks
May (second week)	Written Correspondence	3 weeks

GRADE 5 Writer's Workshop: BIG IDEAS

UNIT OF STUDY	BIG IDEAS	UNIT PRODUCTS AND ARTIFACTS
Launching Writer's Workshop: Lifting the Level of the Writer's Notebook (5 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 View the world as writers and develop positive writing habits, processes, and goals. Keep writer's notebooks to collect many entries about various ideas topics, artifacts and genre try-its. Use classroom rituals and routines to become a proficient writer. Take an idea from the writer's notebook and develop it through the entire writing process. Apply previously taught spelling grammar and punctuation strategies daily. 	Open cycle publishing
Narrative: Memoir (6 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Notice common elements/define memoir. Keep writer's notebook alive and varied by gathering story ideas. Understand how narratives are organized. Write and publish a memoir that establishes the significance of events. Establish a context around a single event or series of events that explain something important about a person. Develop complex characters. Use a range of appropriate strategies such as dialogue, tension or suspense, sensory details, and concrete language. 	Publish a memoir
Response to Literature: Literary Essay (5 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Generate and answer inferential, interpretive, and evaluative questions to demonstrate understanding about texts. Critically read and evaluate text to identify author's point of view and purpose. Interpret literature by answering questions that ask for analysis and evaluation. Make and support responsible assertions about a text. Advance a judgment that is interpretive, analytic, evaluative or reflective. Support judgment through references to the texts, references to other works, or personal knowledge. Create a multiple paragraph composition using the format of a literary essay that organizes evidence upholding the overall thesis or opinion. Provide a sense of closure to writing. 	Publish a literaryessay
Informational Writing: Biography Picture Book (6 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Notice common elements/define biography. Create an organizing structure appropriate for subject and narrative. Develop complex characters. Use a range of appropriate strategies such as dialogue, tension or suspense, naming and specific narrative action such as movement, gestures, or expressions. Use mentor texts to inform structure, craft and illustration. 	Publish a biography as a picture book

GRADE 5 Writer's Workshop: BIG IDEAS

UNIT OF STUDY Approximate Duration	BIG IDEAS	UNIT PRODUCTS AND ARTIFACTS
Poetry: Self Image (4 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Notice common elements/define poetry. Clarify and compress ideas so that meaning is expressed with precise words and phrases. Select vocabulary to create images, mood and impressions. Develop an awareness of sounds of words and rhythm of phrases. 	Publish a personal and class poetry anthology
Personal Essay (5 weeks) Available at: http://thecenter.spps.org/elemlit.html	 Compare and contrast narrative and non-narrative structures. Notice common elements/define personal essay. Develop a thesis that conveys a perspective on a subject. Use conversation to spur elaboration of ideas. Write and publish a personal essay that is organized around a controlling idea and follows a multiple paragraph structure. Organize the body paragraphs of the essay around main ideas and topic sentences that support the controlling idea. Use a range of appropriate strategies such as providing facts and details, describing or analyzing a subject, or narrating a relevant anecdote. Provide a conclusion to the essay. 	Publish a personal essay
Written Correspondence (3 weeks) Designed at the site level	 Notice common elements/define written correspondence. Compare and contrast forms of written correspondence such as different kinds of letters, notes, emails, etc. Understand how various forms of written correspondence are organized. Identify how form, tone and language of written correspondence changes based on the purpose and audience. 	Publish and send two formal letters: letter of appreciation or complaint; letter seeking information