READINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Third Grade English Language Arts Curriculum

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I. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

The Readington School District literacy program provides a balanced instructional approach which includes four main categories: (1) reading, (2) writing, (3) phonics/spelling/word study, and (3) speaking and listening. The third grade curriculum is designed to build on the kindergarten and grades one and two curriculum to help students move forward in their proficiency as independent readers and writers. Students refine their decoding, fluency, and comprehension abilities by developing new strategies to use while reading. Students use their growing facility with the writing process to create, revise, edit and publish a variety of pieces in narrative, opinion, and informational writing.

At the beginning of third grade, most readers already know the characteristics of a range of genres (realistic fiction, simple fantasy, informational texts, traditional literature, and biography) from the reading they did in kindergarten, first and second grade. Most third grader readers have begun to read fiction texts that are chapter books and become interested in special forms, such as longer series books and mysteries. The majority of third grade readers are able to understand fiction narratives with straightforward, elaborate plots and multiple characters that develop and show some change over time. Beginning-of-the-year third graders are reading shorter nonfiction texts, mostly on single topics, and are able to identify and use underlying structures (description, comparison and contrast, temporal sequence, problem and solution, cause and effect). Students can process sentences that are complex, contain prepositional phrases, introductory clauses, lists of nouns, verbs, or adjectives. As a beginning-of-the-year third grade reader students can word solve in smooth, automatic terms both silently and in oral reading and can read and understand descriptive words, some complex content-specific words, and some technical words. Students read silently and independently. In oral reading, they demonstrate all aspects of smooth, fluent processing.

By the end of third grade, students should be able to identify the characteristics of a full range of genres, including biographies on less well-known subjects and hybrid genres. Students are reading both chapter books and shorter informational texts; also, they read special forms such as mysteries, series books, books with sequels, or short stories. The majority of third grade readers are able to understand fiction narratives with straightforward, elaborate plots and multiple characters that develop and show some change over time. They are able to read and understand abstract and mature themes and take on texts that have diverse perspectives and issues related to race, language, and culture. By the end of third grade, readers will have read nonfiction texts that provided information in categories on several related topics, many of which were beyond a readers' typical experience. End-of-the-year third grade readers are able to identify and use underlying structures (description, compare and contrast, temporal sequence, problem and solution, cause and effect). Students are able to pose sentences that are complex and contain prepositional phrases, introductory clauses, lists of nouns, verbs, or adjectives. Students are able to solve new vocabulary words, some complex content-specific words and some technical words. Students read silently, in oral reading, and demonstrate all aspects of smooth, fluent processing with little overt problem solving.

Writing instruction is organized around a workshop structure. Students write daily for a variety of writing experiences, generate ideas for writing through talking with the teacher and classmates, expanding their prewriting skills, drafting and editing strategies and learn more conventions of written language (mechanics) that are appropriate for their age and grade level. Students receive brief instruction in an important aspect of good writing, followed by time to discuss and write and conference with peers and the teacher, and time for sharing writing with the class or small group. In writers workshop students focus on specific text types: narrative, informative, and opinion. Students produce opinion, narrative, and information pieces of writing that demonstrate their growing knowledge of the structure of each genre. Beginning of-the-year third graders are able to revise their writing making large scale changes to better their piece. They edit their writing for spelling, punctuation, and language usage. In September, third graders already know how to draft correctly-- capitalizing proper nouns, using apostrophes for contractions and possessives, and employ correct end punctuation. Students edit for comma usage in dialogue and correct capitalization of titles. They know how to use available resources to them as writers (word walls, high-frequency words, etc.) to edit for and correct misspelled words. Third graders are true writers with craft, style, and fluency. They have already learned to produce simple narratives and other genres through composing and writing. They are able to demonstrate the use of some literary language as well as the structure of narratives (exposition of problem and solution). They are able to write most words using conventional spelling and produce more complex sentences.

By June of third grade, most third grade students come to writers workshop with plans for what pieces h/she wants to write. They recall strategies learned and quickly jot and sift through ideas that would make for

powerful and significant entries. End-of-year third grade students have a repertoire of strategies to generate ideas. Most importantly, third graders are able to choose their ideas and strategies purposefully, knowing that the goal of a writer is to write well with significance and power. A student's writers notebook will reflect a growing sense that the writing done there has been designed from the beginning to be significant. By the end of the year in third grade, students are able to write a page or more of writing each day. Most third grade writers write one or two entries a day in class, each a page and a half in length, and sometimes an additional entry at home. Students write fast and furiously, filling up a page in ten minutes before moving on to the next page. At the end of the year in third grade students are able to remain engaged in a writing project for sixty minutes. They are able to take one piece of writing through a sequence of drafts, each draft benefitting from large-scale changes. Third grade students have learned that revision need not wait until the very end of the writing process, but that revision can happen as they go along. In June a third grader drafts using correct capitalization, commas in a series, commas in addresses, and commas in dialogue. They will begin to check that they use quotation marks in direct quotes and commas before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence and are able to identify sentence fragments and/or run-ons. By June most third graders are able to use multiple resources to check spelling but rely on knowledge of spelling patterns to spell grade-appropriate words correctly when drafting.

Third grade is the year when cursive handwriting instruction begins. Handwriting is a separate skill and does not replace time for regular writers workshop. The goal of handwriting is to develop in the student legible handwriting. Fluent and legible writing remains a necessary practical skill. Students use handwriting to communicate facts, ideas, thoughts, and feelings in all subject areas. Even in the age of digital word-processing, there continue to be many settings in which fluid, legible handwriting is essential. Careful teaching and handwriting practice can facilitate fluency in writing and may prevent writing disabilities (Graham et al., 2000). Explicit instruction and sufficient opportunity to practice correct letter formation occurs through short daily practices sessions. Students are given abundant opportunities in the classroom to write meaningfully and purposefully so that they can apply and extend the skills they acquire through handwriting practice. Teachers teach students how to write cursive letters by showing them how to form each letter, providing plenty of opportunities to write. Teachers and students work to eliminate interfering habits that reduce handwriting fluency. Cursive handwriting instruction is centered on a formalized handwriting program adopted by the district.

The third grade literacy program is designed to provide a developmentally appropriate learning guide for reading, writing, speaking and listening, and word study. The curriculum reflects the current research in literacy education through its focus on developing independent reading and opportunities to express thoughts in writing.

The curriculum is designed to be responsive to the developmental stages. Our differentiated workshop approach allows students to be engaged with reading and writing experiences appropriate to their point in development, and our teachers assess students at regular intervals to inform their instructional decisions. Instruction focuses on assisting students to build independence as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and language users. Students will build a base of knowledge across a wide range of subject matter by engaging with words of quality and substance. They will respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.

II. COMPONENTS OF BALANCED LITERACY

The components of a successful balanced literacy program in the elementary school setting include the following:

- Reading Workshop
- Writing Workshop
- Speaking and Listening
- Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study

Reading Workshop: (Approximately 45 minutes daily)

The reading workshop is one component of a balanced literacy program. The reading workshop is comprised of four parts; the mini-lesson (no longer than 15 minutes) or interactive, independent and partner reading time with guided reading, a mid-workshop teaching point, and finally a teaching share. Each day third graders will have time to sit hip-to-hip, one copy of the book between them, reading aloud in unison or taking turns. Students will meet in small groups within the reading workshop. Additional time for small group instruction is provided for students that are struggling readers.

Gradually guided reading will give way to book clubs usually by the spring of the year. Reading workshop still involves a mini-lesson, time to read, and time to talk, but approximately three times a week the conversations will not be among partners or guided reading groups but among book clubs members,

In order for Readers Workshop to be successful teachers should...

- **o** Establish strong, consistent schedules and learning routines that teach children how to manage their time and activities.
- o Form small guided reading groupings based on observation/performance-based assessment of children's individual literacy behaviors and running record assessments.
- o Individualize reading instruction with each small group of two or three children with similar instructional needs.
- Use instructional leveled books for each small group of children.
- o Give as much choice as possible to the texts that students are reading independently.
- o Maintain an atmosphere that is interactive, lively, and non-competitive to build children's confidence as language and literacy learners.
- Use observation/performance-based assessments to guide how often each group should meet.
- o Continue to assess students throughout the year.
- o Plan a system for keeping track of children's reading levels and growth and for moving readers along to more challenging texts when they are ready.
- o Desks are in clusters so that most children are sitting at tables in order to foster communication.
- o Children have long-term reading partners who read the same books as they do and sit together during reading time.
- **o** Have a large classroom library brimming with engaging books on a wide range of levels, topics, and genres.
- o Use reading logs with each and every student to log for evidence of growth across time.
- o Avoid rote worksheet activities.

Writing Workshop: (Approximately 45 minutes daily)

Like reading workshop, the writing workshop is comprised of 4 parts; (1) the mini-lesson, (2) independent writing time & conferring, (3) mid-workshop teaching point, and (4) share and partnerships. Writer's workshop begins with a mini-lesson (no longer than 15 minutes) and is followed by independent writing within a specific genre of writing. At times, the teacher meets with individual students. At the end of the writing workshop, there is a teaching share led by the teacher, which often sets up partnership sharing. The four main goals of writing workshop are for students to find and develop his or her own voice as a writer (i.e. translate what he or she knows, thinks, and feels into oral and written, illustrated stories), develop a piece of writing, from choosing topics to starting and ending a piece of writing, learn how to revisit and make changes to a piece, and understand that writing has everyday purposes.

In order to have a successful writers workshop teachers should...

- o Establish consistent writing workshop procedures (i.e. illustrating, writing, include your name, and date your work with a stamp, collect writing in a writing folder, publish, and share work with peers).
- o Ensure that writers workshop does not become a handwriting exercise. Practice with letter formation in is based on teacher modeling using the district adopted handwriting program. Handwriting practice is a skill practiced to promote writing.
- o Systematically collect and analyze children's work to inform instruction.
- o Conference with some children every day to support and scaffold their writing.

Speaking and Listening

Students reveal their thinking about books through discussion with others. Their talk is a prelude to writing. They learn how words work through listening to, talking about, and working with them. By listening to texts read aloud, they internalize language that they will use as they talk and write. They learn language for a variety of purposes. In the third grade literacy curriculum, we intentionally develop the kind of oral language skills that students need to take them into the future. We focus on two goals:

o <u>Listening and Speaking-</u> Listening and understanding (listening with attention and remembering details), social interaction (social conventions that make conversation work), extended discussions (Sustain a thread of discussion and respond to others), and content (substantive ideas, be able to explain and describe their thinking).

o <u>Presentation-</u> The ability to speak effectively to a group; voice (a speaker's personal style), conventions (enunciate words clearly, talk at an appropriate volume, and use an effective pace), word choice (using specific words that match the content), and ideas/content (substantive ideas and content)

Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study:

The purpose of word study is to build students' knowledge of high-frequency words and word features to help children become efficient problem solvers of words in reading and writing. Most classrooms dedicate fifteen or twenty minutes each day to explicit, direct phonics instruction. Students in grade 3 participate in a spelling and vocabulary exploration program developed by the Kathy Ganske, the author of *Word Journeys*. Students engage in word study activities that are challenging, interactive, and inquiry based. Students explore words and develop an enduring interest in savoring, puzzling over, and coming to know the language we call English. During word study, students' engage in thinking and questioning, as they increase their awareness of how words are spelling and what they mean. They look for common characteristics to help them generalize understandings to other words. The phonics, spelling, and word study part of the literacy curriculum in third grade continues to focus on spelling patterns, high frequency words, word meaning, vocabulary development, word structure, and word The curriculum focuses to build up students' knowledge of features of words and high-frequency words to help children become efficient problem-solvers of words in reading and writing. In the third grade classroom, fifteen to twenty minutes a day is focused on explicit, direct phonics instruction. At the beginning of the year, students take a Word Feature Inventory. The Word Feature Inventory enables teachers to assess the full range of a child's word knowledge to insure that students begin learning how to spell words at their level of learning. The Word Feature Inventory also allows teachers to gather comprehensive data twice a year to document overall progress. Students are placed into small word study learning groups to begin instruction in word knowledge. Small group instruction in spelling provides a time in the day to enable students to explore the spelling features they are beginning to use, but are using inconsistently--- those within their zone of proximal development. Third graders still have a lot to learn about spelling and phonics, so word study happens every day in the classroom.

The third grade curriculum continues to focus on principles which are organized into broad categories of learning.

- Letter Sound Relationships- How letters look, how to distinguish one from another, how to detect them within continuous text, and how to use them in words.
- Spelling Patterns
- High Frequency Words- Words that are automatically recognized quickly and accurately in order to build in reading and writing processing systems.
- Word Meaning and Vocabulary- Vocabulary instruction is part of a balanced literacy program where vocabulary is focused on and specifically taught. It is a component for each grade and every level of reader and writer.
- Word Meaning
- Word-Solving Actions- Strategic moves readers and writers make when they use their knowledge of the language systems while reading and writing continuous text. "In-the-head" actions to read and write.

Letter/Sound Relationships: Students continue to learn about letters and sounds. The sounds of oral language are related in both simple and complex ways to the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. Learning the connection between letters and sounds is the basic to understanding the written language.

- o Recognize and use letters that represent no sound in words (*lamb, light*)
- o Understand and use all sounds related to the various consonants and consonant clusters
- Understand that some consonant letters represent several different sounds and can be silent (*ch: cheese, school, machine, choir, yacht*)
- o Understand that some consonant sounds can be represented by several different letters or letter clusters (final -k by -c, -k, -ck)
- Recognize and use vowel sounds in open syllables (CV: *ho-tel*)
- Recognize and use vowel sounds in closed syllables (CVC: *lem-on*)
- o Recognize and use vowel sounds with -r (car, first, hurt, her, corn, floor, world, near)
- o Recognize and use letters that represent the wide variety of vowel sounds (long, short)

Spelling Patterns:

o Recognize and use a large number of phonograms (VC, CVC, CVCe, VCC, VVC, VVCC, VCe, VCCC,

VVCCC; vowels plus r; and -oy and -ow)

O Notice and use frequently appearing short vowel patterns that appear in multi-syllable words (-a, -ab, -ad, -ag, -age, -ang, -am, -an, -ant, -ap, -ent, -el(l), -ep, -es, -ev, -id, -ig, -il(l), -ob, -oc(k), -od, -ol, -om, -on, -op, -ot, -ub, -uc(k), -ud, -uf, -ug, -up, -um, -us, -ut, -uz)

High Frequency Words: Employ self-monitoring strategies for continually accumulating ability to read and write accurately a large core of high-frequency words (working toward automatic knowledge of the five hundred most frequent)

Word Meaning and Vocabulary: The words one knows in oral and written language. For comprehension and coherence, students need to know the meaning of the words in the texts they read and write.

- o Compound Words
 - Recognize and use a variety of compound words (airplane, airport, another, anyone, anybody, anything, everyone, homesick, indoor, jellyfish, skyscraper, toothbrush, underground, whenever)
- o Synonyms and Antonyms
 - Recognize and use synonyms (words that mean about the same: begin/start, close/shut, fix/mend, earth/world, happy/glad, high/tall, jump/leap)
 - Recognize and use antonyms (words that mean the opposite: hot/cold, all/none, break/fix, little/big, long/short, sad/glad, stop/start).
- Homographs and Homophones
 - Recognize and use homophones (sound the same, different spelling and meaning: *to/too/two, here/hear, blue/blew, there/their/they're*)
 - Recognize and use homographs (words that have the same spelling but a different meaning: bat/bat, well/well, wind/wind)
 - Recognize and use words with multiple meanings (*play/play, beat/beat, run/run*).
- o Nouns
 - Recognize and use words that represent a person, place, or thing
- o Verbs
 - Recognize and use action words
- Adjectives
 - Recognize and use words that describe
- o Figurative Language
 - Recognize and use words to make comparisons
 - Recognize and use words that represent sounds (onomatopoetic)
 - Recognize and use action words

Word Structure: Words are built according to rules. Looking at the structure of the words will help students learn how words are related to one another and how they can be changed by adding letters, letter clusters, and larger word parts.

- o Syllables
 - Recognize and use syllables: open syllable (ho-tel), closed syllable (lem-on), syllables with a vowel and silent e (hope-ful), syllables with vowel combinations (poi-son, cray-on), syllables with a vowel and r (corn-er, cir-cus), syllables in words with the V-V pattern (ri-ot), syllables with double consonants (lad-der)
 - Recognize and use syllables in words with double consonants (*lad-der*) and in words with the VV pattern (*ri-ot*)
- Plurals
 - Understand the concepts of plurals and plural forms: adding -s (dogs, cats, apples, cats, desks, faces, trees, monkeys); adding -es (when words end in x, ch, sh, s, ss, tch, zz); changing spelling (foot/feet, goose/geese, man/men, mouse/mice, woman/women)
- o Verb Endings
 - Recognize and form present and past tense by using endings (-es, -ed: like, likes, liked); form present participle by adding -ing (liking); make a verb past tense (-ed, d: played, liked)
- o Adverbs

- Recognize and use endings that form adverbs (-ly)
- Suffixes
 - Recognize and use suffixes that change verbs and nouns for different functions (-er, -es, -r, -ing)
- o Contractions
 - Recognize and understand contractions with am (I'm), is (he's), will (I'll), not (can't), have (could've), would or had (I'd, you'd)
- o Possessives
 - Recognize and use possessives that add an apostrophe and an s to a singular noun (dog/dog's, woman/woman's, girl/girl's, boy/boy's)
- o Prefixes
 - Recognize and use common prefixes (re-, -un)

Word-Solving Actions: Related to all the categories previously described. Word solving focuses on the specific strategies that readers and writers make when they use their knowledge of the language system while reading and writing continuous text.

- o Break words into syllables to read and to write them
- o Add, delete, change letters (*in/win, bat/bats*), letter clusters (*an/plan, cat/catch*), and word parts to base words to help in reading or spelling words
- Take apart compound words or join words to make compound words. (into/in-to, side-walk/sidewalk)
- Use the context of the sentence, paragraph, or whole text to help determine the precise meaning of a word
- o Use word parts to derive the meaning of a word.
- Use known words and word parts (onsets and rimes) to help in reading and spelling new words (*br-ing, cl-ap*).
- Notice patterns and categorize high-frequency words to assist in learning them quickly.
- o Recognize base words and remove prefixes and suffixes to break them down and solve them.

III. GOALS (Linked to New Jersey Student Learning Standards)

Reading Standards for Reading Literature:

Key Ideas and Details Craft and Structure Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Reading Standards for Reading Informational Text:

Key Ideas and Details Craft and Structure Integration of Knowledge and Ideas Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Reading Foundational Standards:

Phonics and Word Recognition Fluency

Writing Standards:

Text Types and Purposes Production and Distribution of Writing Research to Build and Present Knowledge Range of Writing

Speaking and Listening Standards:

Comprehension and Collaboration Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

Language Standards:

Conventions of Standard English

IV. ASSESSMENT

Student learning will be assessed through:

- Student/teacher conferences
- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Level Assessment conducted *at least* three times a year for students beginning in September/October and then again in Feb./March and in May/June. Students not on benchmark in September/October have an additional reading level assessment in November/December.
- Teacher's College Scored Common Assessment Student Writings in Narrative, Opinion, and Information
- Writing samples and student writing portfolios
- Student presentations
- Writing Notebooks
- Readers Workshop Notebooks
- Student Performance Checklists for Writing
- Standards Based Rubrics
- Reading and Writing Pathways Performance Assessments
- Learning Progressions
- Spelling Developmental Analysis (Screening and Inventory) The inventory is given two times a year; in September/October and again in January.

V. SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	Reader's Workshop		Writer's Workshop
Unit 1 Sept./Oct. 8 weeks	Building a Reading Life: Stamina, Fluency, and Engagement	Unit 1 Sept./Oct. 8 weeks	Building the Writing Community/Crafting True Stories (Narrative)
Unit 2 Nov./Dec. 8 weeks	Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Ideas and Text Structures (Nonfiction Reading)	Unit 2 Nov./Dec. 8 weeks	The Art of Infomational Writing
Unit 3 Jan./Feb. 6 weeks	Character Studies	Unit 3 Jan./Feb. 8 weeks	Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials
Unit 4 Feb./March 6 weeks	Mystery: Foundational Skills in Disguise	Unit 4	Informational Writing: Reading,
Unit 5 April/May 6 weeks	Research Clubs: Nonficition Reading Through Social Studies	April/May 8 weeks	Research, and Writing in Content Areas
Unit 6 May/June 6 weeks	Learning Through Reading: Countries Around the World	Unit 5 May/June 8 weeks	Adapting and Writing Fairy Tales

3rd GRADE READING

Readers Workshop ~ Unit 1

Building a Reading Life: Stamina, Fluency, and Engagement September/October

8 weeks

Understandings

Enduring Understandings:

- Good readers read with accuracy and fluency so that comprehension is the main focus of the work that the reader is doing.
- Good readers make choices about what to read and how to read it.

Goals:

NJSLS.RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

NJSLS.RL.3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message/theme, lesson, or moral and explain how it is revealed through key details in the text NJSLS.RL.3.3 Describe the characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the plot.

NJSLS.RL.3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

NJSLS.RL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

NJSLS.RL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters. NJSLS.RL.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)

Teaching Points (Possible Mini-Lessons)

Bend 1: Making a Reading Life

- Building a powerful reading life
- Reading as if books are gold
- Finding within-reach books and building stamina
- Setting goals and tracking progress
- Setting up systems to find and share books
- Reading with partners

Bend 2: Understanding The Story

- Readers check for comprehension
- Follow textual cues as you read: Shift between envisioning and Assembling facts
- Prediction
- Making higher-level predictions
- Retelling stories
- Determining the central message or theme

Bend 3: Tackling More Challenging Texts

- Tackling complex texts takes grit
- Figuring out hard words
- Using textual clues to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Making sense of figurative language
- Literal and nonliteral language
- Talking back to the text
- Raising the level of questions to unearth deeper meaning: Considering author's purpose
- Point of view

Word Study/Phonics:

• Review syllables

Mentor Texts/Resources

Mentor Texts:

Stone Fox by John Reynolds
Gardiner (Chapter book read aloud)
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate
DiCamillo (Chapter book read
aloud)

<u>Thank you Mr. Falker</u> by Patricia Polacco

<u>Fig Pudding</u> by Ralph Fletcher <u>The Man Who Walked Between</u> <u>Silent Movie</u> by Avi <u>Smoky Night</u> by Eve Bunting <u>A Taste of Blackberries</u> by Doris Smith

Student texts:

As described in leveled book lists

Teacher Resources:

<u>Building a Reading Life</u>, Unit 1, Reading Units of Study by Lucy Calkins

The Continuum of Literacy
Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide
to Teaching Written by Gay Su
Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and
Published by Heinemann
Daily Café by Gail Boushey and
Joan Moser
Conferring with Readers by

Jennifer Serravallo
<u>The Art of Teaching Reading</u> by
Lucy Calkins

Reading with Meaning Teaching
Comprehension in the Primary
Grades by Debbie Miller
Word Journeys Assessment
Guided Phonics, Spelling, and
Vocabulary Instruction by Kathy
Ganske

<u>Strategies That Work</u> by Anne Goudvis and Stephanie Harvey <u>Reading Strategies Book</u> by Jennifer Serravallo

Assessment(s):

Student/teacher conferences Student presentations NJSLS.RL.3.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the central message/theme, lesson, and/or moral, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

NJSLS.RL.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.

NJSLS.RF.3.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
NJSLS.RF.3.3.C Decode multisyllable words.

NJSLS.RF.3.3.D Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

NJSLS.RF.3.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

NJSLS.RF.3.4.A Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
NJSLS.RF.3.4.B Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
NJSLS.RF.3.4.C Use context to confirm or self-correct word

recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

NJSLS.L.3.3. Use knowledge of

language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

A. Choose words and phrases for effect.

B. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

NJSLS.SL.3.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

A. Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

- Introduce word-solving actions
- Follow Word Journeys stages based on student assessment

Integrate test prep into instruction:

- Incorporate standardized test formats into chapter and unit tests
- Require students to show their work and use test-taking skills during everyday activities
- Teach critical thinking skills. Create class discussion and assessment questions that develop students' higher-order thinking skills, mainly evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and applying
- Highlight test taking skills
- Review test taking vocabulary

Readers Workshop Notebooks Reading Pathways Performance Assessments Reading Learning Progressions Rubrics

Fountas and Pinnell Beginning of the Year Assessment Expectations:

Below Expectations: Level K or below

Approaching Expectations: L Meets Expectations: Level M/N Exceeds Expectations: Level O

Note: Readers in level K should be reading eight to ten books per week, while readers in levels L/M, four to six per week, and in N/O/P/Q, two to four per week. Either way—students should be reading a lot--- and this matters more than anything else in the curricular calendar.

Reading Rate

115-140 words per minute by the end of the academic school year. (*Any student that enters 3rd grade with a sight vocabulary less than 150 words needs to direct focus paid towards increasing their sight-word fluency which will therefore increase their reading rate.)

Word Study Assessments:

(for any new to the district student)
Word Journeys Feature Inventory
(Based on previous year's
assessments in Letter Name, Within
Word, Syllable Juncture, or
Derivational Constancy)

Word Journeys Screening Inventory

B. Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

C. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

D. Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

Readers Workshop Unit 2 ~ Reading to Learn Grasping Main Ideas and Text Structures November/ December 8 weeks

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NJSLS.RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

NJSLS.RI.3.7 Use information gained from text features (e.g., illustrations, maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

NJSLS.RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence) to support specific points the author makes in a text

NJSLS.RI.3.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

NJSLS.RI.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level

scaffolding as needed. **NJSLS.RF.3.3.** Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.

text-complexity or above, with

A. Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.

C. Decode multisyllable words. **NJSLS.RF.3.4.** Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

A. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
B. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
C. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

NJSLS.L.3.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and

series of ideas in a text

- Tackling hard words that complicate meaning
- Reading biographies through different lenses
- Reflecting on important ideas in text sets or paired texts
- Seeking underlying ideas in true stories
- Bringing your narrative nonfiction lenses to a broader range of texts
- Identifying when a text is hybrid nonfiction and adjusting accordingly
- Becoming your own reading coach

Word Study/Phonics:

- Compound words
- Reinforce word solving actions
- Domain-specific vocabulary
- Common prefixes
- Follow Word Journeys stages based on student assessment

Integrate test prep into instruction:

- Incorporate standardized test formats into chapter and unit tests
- Require students to show their work and use test-taking skills during everyday activities
- Teach critical thinking skills.
 Create class discussion and assessment questions that develop students' higher-order thinking skills, mainly evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and applying
- Highlight test taking skills
- Review test taking vocabulary

Gentle, Giant Octopus by Karen Wallace Going Home: The Mystery of <u>Animal Migration</u> by Marianne *Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni A Voice of Her Own: A Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet by Kathryn Lasky Welcome to the Green House by Jane Yolen What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You? By Steve Jenkins When Marian Sang: The True *Recital of Marian Anderson* by Pam Munoz Ryan Cactus Hotel by Brenda Z. Guiberson

Student texts:

As described in leveled book lists

Teacher Resources:

Units of Study for Teaching Reading by Lucy Calkins, Reading to Learn, Unit 2 The Continuum of Literacy Learning Grades PreK-8 A *Guide to* Teaching Written by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and Published by Heinemann *Daily Café* by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser *Conferring with Readers* by Jennifer Serravallo The Art of Teaching Reading by Lucy Calkins Reading with Meaning Teaching Comprehension in *the Primary Grades* by Debbie Miller Word Journeys Assessment Guided Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary Instruction by Kathy Ganske Strategies That Work by Anne Goudvis and Stephanie Harvey

Assessment:

Student/teacher conferences Student presentations Readers Workshop Notebooks temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).

NJSLS.SL.3.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

A. Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

B. Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others

with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

C. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

D. Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

NJSLS.SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail. Reading Pathways Performance Assessments Reading Learning Progressions

Reading Learning Progressions Rubrics

Fountas and Pinnell Beginning of the Year Assessment Expectations:

Below Expectations: Level L or below Approaching: Level M Meets Expectations: Level N Exceeds Expectations: Level O

Note: Readers in level K should be reading eight to ten books per week, while readers in levels L/M, four to six per week, and in N/O/P/Q, two to four per week. Either way—students should be reading a lot--- and this matters more than anything else in the curricular calendar.

Reading Rate

115-140 words per minute by the end of the academic school year. (*Any student that still has a sight vocabulary less than 150 words needs to direct focus paid towards increasing their sight-word fluency, which will therefore increase their reading rate.)

Readers Workshop Unit 3 ~ Character Studies: Series Book Clubs January/February 6 weeks

Understandings	Teaching Points (Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	Bend 1: Getting To Know a	Mentor Texts:
 Good readers approach a character with empathy. Good readers reflect upon how a character responds to changing situations, learns lessons, and grows. Goals: 	 Character as Friend Readers notice how a new character talks and acts From observations to ideas: Readers think, "What is my character like?" Noticing patterns, seeing more: Growing theories 	Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Chapter book read aloud) Thank you Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing book series by Judy Bloom Ramona Quimby book series by

NJSLS.RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

NJSLS.RL.3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message/theme, lesson, or moral and explain how it is revealed through key details in the text NJSLS.RL.3.3 Describe the characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the plot.

NJSLS.RL.3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

NJSLS.RL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

NJSLS.RL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters. NJSLS.RL.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)

NJSLS.RL.3.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the central message/theme, lesson, and/or moral, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

NJSLS.RL.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.

NJSLS.RF.3.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. NJSLS.RF.3.3.A Identify and know

- about a character
- Growing bigger theories about a character: Asking why
- Using theories about characters to predict
- Using context to understand unfamiliar words
- Taking stock and self-assessing: Looking at checklists, noticing strengths and weaknesses, and making new reading goals

Bend 2: Following a Character's Journey

- Stories are shaped like a mountain: Readers watch characters go up and down
- Readers expect character to face and react to trouble
- Readers notice the roles secondary characters play in the main character's journey
- Noticing the roles illustrations play in a story
- Readers pay close attention to the climax of a story, noticing how the main character is tested
- Readers notice how a character resolves big trouble
- Readers learn lessons alongside their characters
- Lingering with a story after it's done: Looking back to analyze author's craft

Bend 3: Comparing and Contrasting Characters Across Books

- Comparing characters: Noticing similarities and differences
- Readers compare the problems characters face and their reactions
- Readers ask,"What makes you say that?": Engaging in text-based mini-arguments about characters
- Comparing and contrasting the lessons character learn
- Comparing and contrasting the point of view of the reader, narrator, and

Beverly Cleary Stink book series by Megan McDonald Poppy *Henry and Mudge* book series by Cynthia Rylant The Dragon Slayer's Academy by Kate McMullan *Amber Brown* series by Paula Danzinger *The Stories Julian Tells* book series by Anne Cameron *The Boxcar Children* book series by Gertrude chandler Warner *Hank Zipzer* book series (*A Brand* New Me!) by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver *Magic Tree House* book series by Mary Pope Osborne *<u>Iudy Moody</u>* book series by Megan McDonald

*A chapter book read aloud is highly suggested from a series that no one in the class is reading that is more complex than most third graders can read independently.

Teacher Resources:

Units of Study for Teaching Reading by Lucy Calkins, **Character Studies**, Unit 3 *The Continuum of Literacy* Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide *to* Teaching Written by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and Published by Heinemann Following Characters into Meaning Envisionment, Prediction, and Inference Volume 1 Written by Lucy Calkins and Kathleen Tolan *Daily Café* by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser Conferring with Readers by Jennifer Serravallo *The Art of Teaching Reading* by Lucy Calkins Reading with Meaning Teaching Comprehension in the Primary *Grades* by Debbie Miller Word Journeys Assessment Guided Phonics, Spelling, and *Vocabulary Instruction* by Kathy Ganske Strategies That Work by Anne

Goudvis and Stephanie Harvey

the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes. **NJSLS.RF.3.3.B** Decode words with common Latin suffixes.

NJSLS.RF.3.3.C Decode multisyllable words.

NJSLS.RF.3.3.D Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

NJSLS.RF.3.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

NJSLS.RF.3.4.A Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. NJSLS.RF.3.4.B Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. NJSLS.RF.3.4.C Use context to

confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

NJSLS.L.3.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

A. Choose words and phrases for effect.

B. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

NJSLS.L.3.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

A. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

B. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).

NJSLS.L.3.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

B. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).

NJSLS.L.3.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate

characters

Word Study/Phonics:

- Common suffixes
- Synonyms/Antonyms
- Reinforce word solving actions
- Follow Word Journeys stages based on student assessment

Integrate test prep into instruction:

- Incorporate standardized test formats into chapter and unit tests
- Require students to show their work and use test-taking skills during everyday activities
- Teach critical thinking skills. Create class discussion and assessment questions that develop students' higher-order thinking skills, mainly evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and applying
- Highlight test taking skills
- Review test taking vocabulary

Assessment(s):

Student/teacher conferences Student presentations Readers Workshop Notebooks Reading Pathways Performance Assessments Reading Learning Progressions

Reading Rate

Rubrics

115-140 words per minute by the end of the academic school year. (*Any student that who has not acquired 150 words needs to have direct focus paid towards increasing their sight-word fluency. which will therefore increase their reading rate.)

conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them). **NISLS.SL.3.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. **A.** Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion. **B.** Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion). **C.** Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others. **D.** Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion. NJSLS.SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.

Readers Workshop ~ Unit 4 Mystery: Foundational Skills in Disguise February - March 5 weeks

	l eaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	Bend 1: Mystery Readers Read for	Mentor Texts:
 Good readers develop a 	Clues	<u>A to Z Mysteries</u> series by Ron Roy
sense for how mysteries go	 Mystery readers read like 	<u>Amber Brown</u> series by Paula
and a sense of a particular	detectives reading pages to	Danzinger
series.	discover the main detective	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> series by
One mystery fits within a	and pay attention to the	Donald Sobol
, ,	clues	<i>Nate the Great</i> series by Marjorie
set of other, similar	 Mystery readers read for 	Sharmat
mysteries.	clues; noticing and thinking	<i>Horrible Harry</i> series by Suzy Kline
 Good readers interpret by 	about all the information	<u>Jigsaw Jones</u> mystery series by
taking away life lessons	learned while reading	James Preller

from the characters and plot.

Goals:

NJSLS.RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

NJSLS.RL.3.3 Describe the characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the plot.

NJSLS.RL.3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

NJSLS.RL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

NJSLS.RL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

NJSLS.RL.3.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the central message/theme, lesson, and/or moral, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

NJSLS.RL.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.

NJSLS.RF.3.3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.

A. Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.

B. Decode words with common Latin suffixes.

- Mystery readers read with suspicion; making lists of suspects and paying attention to the little details of the story
- Mystery readers read deeper into a book to consider old clues in the light of new information
- Mystery readers notice author's red herrings (false clues)—paying attention to author's craft

Bend 2: Reading Across Mysteries

- Readers pay close attention to the setting and to the main character's habits and strengths, predicting how the might act, when starting a new book in the series
- Readers pay attention to not only the main character but to sidekicks and friends who help the main character
- Good readers talk to reading book club partners about their reading—making interpretations and synthesizing information

Bend 3: Mystery Readers Learn Life Lessons From Our Books

- Mystery readers learn life lessons from their characters
- Mystery readers notice character's' emotional reactions to situations and think about what life lesson they can take away from it
- Readers can learn from the culprit's motives.

Word Study/Phonics:

- Figurative language
- Shades of meaning for words
- Reinforce word solving actions
- Homophones/homographs
- Root words
- Prefixes/suffixes
- Follow Word Journeys

Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler Who Stole The Wizard of Oz by Avi <u>Scooby Doo</u> mystery series by James Gelsey *The Boxcar Children* book series by Gertrude Chandler Warner Bones Mystery series by David Adler *<u>Iigsaw Jones</u>* book series by James Preller *The Twiddle Twins* series books by Howard Goldsmith *Nancy Drew* series books by Carolyn Keene *The Black Stallion* book series by Walter Farley *Third Grade Detectives* series by George E. Stanley *A chapter book read aloud is highly suggested from a series that no one in the class is reading that is more complex than most third

Teacher Resources:

Units of Study for Reading by Lucy Calkins, Mystery Unit Grade 3 The Continuum of Literacy Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide to Teaching Writing by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and Published by Heinemann *Daily Café* by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser *Conferring with Readers* by Jennifer Serravallo . The Art of Teaching Reading by Lucy Calkins Reading with Meaning Teaching Comprehension in the Primary *Grades* by Debbie Miller

graders can read independently.

Assessment:

Student/teacher conferences Student presentations Readers Workshop Notebooks Reading Pathways Performance Assessments Reading Learning Progressions Rubrics

Fountas and Pinnell Beginning of the Year Assessment Expectations:

Below Expectations: Level M Approaching: Level N Meets Expectations: Level O C. Decode multisyllable words.

D. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

NJSLS.RF.3.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

A. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
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A. Choose words and phrases for effect.

B. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

NJSLS.L.3.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. A. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

B. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g.,

agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).

C. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., company, companion).

NJSLS.L.3.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

A. Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).

B. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).

stages based on student assessment

Integrate test prep into instruction:

- Incorporate standardized test formats into chapter and unit tests
- Require students to show their work and use test-taking skills during everyday activities
- Teach critical thinking skills.
- Create class discussion and assessment questions that develop students' higher-order thinking skills, mainly evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and applying
- Highlight test taking skills
- Review test taking vocabulary

Exceeds Expectations: Level P

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C. Distinguish shades of meaning	
among related words that describe	
states of mind or degrees of	
certainty	
(e.g., knew, believed, suspected,	
heard, wondered).	
NJSLS.L.3.6. Acquire and use	
accurately grade-appropriate	
conversational, general academic,	
and domain-specific	
words and phrases, including those	
that signal spatial and temporal	
relationships (e.g., After dinner that	
night we	
went looking for them).	
NJSLS.SL.3.3 Ask and answer	
questions about information from a	
speaker, offering appropriate	
elaboration and detail.	

Reading Workshop ~ Unit 5 Research Clubs April/May (6 weeks)

Teaching Points

Understandings Enduring Understandings:

- Good readers can learn from what they read
- Learning to learn is about becoming an independent thinker, problem solving, teamwork, knowledge of the world, and adaptability.

Goals:

NJSLS.RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

NJSLS.RI.3.2 Determine the main

idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

NJSLS.RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.

NISLS.RI.3.4 Determine the

(Possible Mini-Lessons) Bend 1: Researching a Topic

- Revving up for a research project: Readers orient themselves to a text set
- Cross-text synthesis
- Using the lingo of experts
- Zeal matters: Pursuing collaborative inquiries with commitment
- Growing ideas about nonfiction
- Researchers ask questions
- Researchers use text features and tools to help them understand their topic and learn more

Bend 2: A Second Cycle of Research

- Planning a second study
- Reading with volume and fluency
- Readers notice text structures and use them to organize their learning
- Compare and contrast
- Cause and effect
 - Reading closely, thinking

Mentor Texts/Resources Possible Read-Aloud Texts:

Teacher selected small collections of assessable, high interest books on animals Animal Book List and Animal Video List in Heinemann online resources

Teacher Resources:

Research Clubs Reading Units of Study by Lucy Calkins, Unit 4 The Continuum of Literacy Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide <u>to</u>Teaching Written by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and Published by Heinemann *Daily Café* by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser *Conferring with Readers* by Jennifer Serravallo *The Art of Teaching Reading* by Lucy Calkins Reading with Meaning Teaching Comprehension in the Primary *Grades* by Debbie Miller Word Journeys Assessment Guided Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary Instruction by Kathy

meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 3 topic* or subject area.

NJSLS.RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.

NJSLS.RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

NJSLS.RI.3.7 Use information gained from text features (e.g., illustrations, maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

NJSLS.RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence) to support specific points the author makes in a text

NJSLS.RI.3.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

NJSLS.SL.3.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

A. Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

B. Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others
with care, speaking one at a time

with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

C. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

D. Explain their own ideas and

deeply

Bend 3: Synthesising, Comparing, and Contrasting

- Experts widen their field of focus and see patterns
- Asking questions, growing big ideas
- Determining the author's point of view
- Pursuing questions
- Developing evidence-based theories
- Adding to theories by researching big-picture concepts
- Learning to apply the knowledge readers develop through their research
- Finding solutions to real-world problems
- Enhancing your research with multimedia

Word Study/Phonics:

- Revisit word study lessons based on teacher discretion
- Reinforce word solving actions
- Follow Word Journeys stages based on student assessment

Integrate test prep into instruction:

- Incorporate standardized test formats into chapter and unit tests
- Require students to show their work and use test-taking skills during everyday activities
- Teach critical thinking skills. Create class discussion and assessment questions that develop students' higher-order thinking skills, mainly evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and applying
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<u>Strategies That Work</u> by Anne Goudvis and Stephanie Harvey

Assessment:

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Reading Rate

140-150 words per minute by the end of the academic school year.

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understanding in light of the		
discussion.		
NJSLS.SL.3.4 Report on a topic or		
text, tell a story, or recount an		
experience with appropriate facts		
and relevant, descriptive details,		
speaking clearly at an		
understandable pace.		
NJSLS.SL.3.5 Use multimedia to		
demonstrate fluid reading at an		
understandable pace; add visual		
displays when appropriate to		
emphasize or enhance certain facts		
or details.		
NJSLS.SL.3.6 Speak in complete		
sentences when appropriate to task		
and situation in order to provide		
requested detail or clarification.		
(See grade 3 Language standards 1		
and 3 here for specific		
expectations.)		
NJSLS.RF.3.3. Know and apply		
grade-level phonics and word		
analysis skills in decoding and		
encoding words.		
D. Read grade-appropriate		
irregularly spelled words.		
NJSLS.RF.3.4. Read with sufficient		
accuracy and fluency to support		
comprehension.		
A. Read grade-level text with		
purpose and understanding.		
B. Read grade-level prose and		
poetry orally with accuracy,		
appropriate rate, and expression.		
C. Use context to confirm or		
self-correct word recognition and		
understanding, rereading as		
necessary.		
NJSLS.L.3.3. Use knowledge of		
language and its conventions when		
writing, speaking, reading, or		
listening.		
A. Choose words and phrases for		
effect.		
B. Recognize and observe		
differences between the		
conventions of spoken and written		
standard English.		
NJSLS.L.3.4. Determine or clarify the		
meaning of unknown and		
multiple-meaning word and		
phrases based on grade 3		
reading and content, choosing		
flexibly from a range of strategies.		
A. Use sentence-level context as a		
clue to the meaning of a word or		
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phrase.	
D. Use glossaries or beginning	
dictionaries, both print and digital,	
to determine or clarify the precise	
meaning of key words and phrases.	
NJSLS.L.3.6. Acquire and use	
accurately grade-appropriate	
conversational, general academic,	
and domain-specific	
words and phrases, including those	
that signal spatial and temporal	
relationships (e.g., After dinner that	
night we	
went looking for them).	
NJSLS.SL.3.3 Ask and answer	
questions about information from a	
speaker, offering appropriate	
elaboration and detail.	

Readers Workshop ~ Unit 6 Learning Through Reading: Countries Around the World May/June 6 weeks

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Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources	
Enduring Understandings:	Bend 1: Learning about a Country	Mentor Texts:	
 Readers use all non-fiction 	using a Variety of Texts and Lenses	Teacher selected materials	
skills and strategies, such as	 Researchers transfer 		
gathering information from	schema from previous work	Teacher Resources:	
text and taking brief notes	to new work	<i><u>IfThenCurriculum</u></i> Reading	
while categorizing	 Readers read easier texts 	Units of Study by Lucy Calkins,	
information when trying to	before more difficult ones	p. 1	
research about a topic.	to get an overview and	The Continuum of Literacy	
 Good readers read with 	understand vocabulary	Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide	
purpose, grapple with	 Researchers use note taking 	to Teaching Written by Gay Su	
unfamiliar content, and	strategies using text	Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and	
decide which information is	structures	Published by Heinemann	
most important	 Researchers narrow their 	<u>Daily Café</u> by Gail Boushey and	
	lens	Joan Moser	
Goals:	 Researchers reflect on their 	<i>Conferring with Readers</i> by	
NJSLS.RI 3.1 Ask and answer	notes to grow ideas about	Jennifer Serravallo	
questions to demonstrate	their learning	<i>The Art of Teaching Reading</i> by	
understanding of a text.	 Researchers synthesize 	Lucy Calkins	
NJSLS.RI 3.2 Determine the main	their learning by teaching	Reading with Meaning Teaching	
idea of a text; recount key details	others	Comprehension in the Primary	
and explain how they support the	 Researchers use terms 	<i>Grades</i> by Debbie Miller	
main idea of a text	repeated by an author	Word Journeys Assessment	
NJSLS.RI 3.4 Determine the		Guided Phonics, Spelling, and	
meaning of general academic and	Bend 2: Researching a different	Vocabulary Instruction by Kathy	
domain-specific words and phrases	Country	Ganske	
in a text relevant to grade 3 topic or	 Researchers think about 	<u>Strategies That Work</u> by Anne	
subject area.	tools and resources from	Goudvis and Stephanie Harvey	
NJSLS.RI 3.5 Use text features and	past projects and apply		
search tools (maps, photographs)	them to new projects	Assessment:	
and the words in a text to	 Researchers make choices 		

demonstrate understanding of a text(where, when, why and how the events occur)

NJSLS.RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

NJSLS.RI 3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (eg maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (where, when, why and how key events occur)

NJSLS.RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence) to support specific points the author makes in a text

NJSLS.RI 3.9 Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

NJSLS.RI.3.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.

NJSLS.RL.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.

NJSLS.RL.3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message/theme, lesson, or moral and explain how it is revealed through key details in the text NJSLS.RF.3.3. Know and apply

NJSLS.RF.3.3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.

A. Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.

- **B.** Decode words with common Latin suffixes.
- C. Decode multisyllable words.
- **D.** Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

NJSLS.RF.3.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

A. Read grade-level text with

- about how the research will be organized, and plan notes accordingly
- Researchers share information and learn from each other

Bend 3: Learning and Thinking Across Countries: Exploring Similarities and Differences to Grow Ideas

- Researchers compare and contrast noting significances
- Researchers use compare and contrast observations and their notes to develop theories and conclusions

Bend 4: Learning About Countries and Cultures Through Literature (Folktales and Fairy Tales)

- Researchers draw on non-fiction to help them think more deeply about fiction related to their topics.
- Researchers study narrative elements of stories to learn more about the culture.
- Researchers compare and contrast stories about a culture to learn more about these cultures.
- Researchers learn about the values of a culture by studying the traits of characters in that culture's stories.

Word Study/Phonics:

- Common prefixes, suffixes, and root words
- Revisit word study lessons based on teacher discretion
- Reinforce word solving actions
- Follow Word Journeys stages based on student assessment

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phrases based on grade 3	
reading and content, choosing	
flexibly from a range of strategies.	
A. Use sentence-level context as a	
clue to the meaning of a word or	
phrase.	
B. Determine the meaning of the	
new word formed when a known	
affix is added to a known word (e.g.,	
agreeable/disagreeable,	
comfortable/uncomfortable,	
care/careless, heat/preheat).	
C. Use a known root word as a clue	
to the meaning of an unknown	
word with the same root (e.g.,	
company,	
companion).	
D. Use glossaries or beginning	
dictionaries, both print and digital,	
to determine or clarify the precise	
meaning of key words and phrases.	
NJSLS.L.3.6. Acquire and use	
accurately grade-appropriate	
conversational, general academic,	
and domain-specific	
words and phrases, including those	
that signal spatial and temporal	
relationships (e.g., After dinner that	
night we	
went looking for them).	

3rd GRADE WRITING Writer's Workshop Unit 1 Building the Writing Community/Crafting True Stories September/October (8 weeks)

	Teaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	Teaching Points:	Mentor Texts (Instructional Read
 Writers develop a personal 	Bend 1: Writing Personal	Aloud):
narrative that is driven by	Narratives with Independence	How I Spent My Summer Vacation
characters' experiences and	 Starting with writing 	by Mark Teague
the emotional responses of	workshop: Visualizing	<i>The Memory Box</i> by Mary Bahy
the characters to those	possibilities	<u>Thank you Mr. Falker</u> by Patricia

- situations.
- Crafting personal narratives is a process with an end product that can speak powerfully and vividly to readers.

Goals:

NJSLS.W.3.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using narrative technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. A. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

- **B.** Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.
- **C.** Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order. **D.** Provide a sense of closure.

NJSLS.W.3.4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.

NJSLS.W.3.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

NJSLS.W.3.6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

NJSLS.W.3.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and

metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

NJSLS.SL.3.6. Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

NJSLS.L.3.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and

- Finding ideas and writing up a storm
- Drawing on a repertoire of strategies: Writing with independence
- Writers use a storyteller's voice. They tell us stories, not summaries
- Taking stock: Pausing to ask, "How am I doing?"
- Editing as we go: Making sure others can read our writing
- Editing as we go: Making sure we use strong words to clearly order events for the reader

Bend 2: Becoming a Storyteller on the Page

- Rehearsing: Storytelling and leads
- Writing discovery drafts
- Revising by studying what other authors have done
- Storytellers develop the heart of the story
- Paragraphing to support sequencing, dialogue, and elaboration

Bend 3: Writing with New Independence on a Second Piece

- Becoming one's own job captain: Starting a second piece, working with new independence
- Drafting: Writing from inside a memory
- Commas and quotation marks: Punctuating dialogue

Bend 4: Fixing Up and Fancying Up Our Best Work: Revision and Editing

- Writers revise in big, important ways
- Revising endings: Learning from published writing
- Using editing checklists

Grammar/Punctuation:

- Review nouns
- Review verbs
- Adjectives

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Aunt Flossie's Hats and Crab Cakes Fireflies by Julie Brinkloe Thundercake by Patricia Polacco Come On Rain by Karen Hesse Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

The Hickory Chair by Lisa Rowe Frustino

<u>Owl Moon</u> by Jane Yolan <u>Ben Trumpet</u> by Rachel Isadora. <u>My Rotten Redheaded Older</u> <u>Brother</u> by Patricia Polacco

Teacher Resources:

The Continuum of Literacy
Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide
to Teaching Writing by Gay Su
Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas
and Published by Heinemann

Units of Study for Narrative,
Opinion, and Information
Writing Crafting True Stories
Unit 1 Crafting True Stories
(Narrative) written by Lucy
Calkins and Marjorie Martinelli
Grade 3 Published by
Heinemann

http://readingandwritingproject.com/

Assessment:

- Narrative Benchmark Assessment
- Writing Checklists
- Learning Progressions
- Student/ teacher conferences
- Writing samples and student writing portfolios
- Student presentations
- Writing Notebooks
- Student Performance Checklists for Writing
- Standards Based Writing Rubrics
- Reading and Writing Pathways Performance Assessments
- Learning Progressions

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usage when writing or speaking.	 Adverbs 	
A. Explain the function of nouns,	 Punctuating dialogue 	
pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and	 Consulting reference tools 	
adverbs in general and their	during the revision	
functions in particular sentences.	process	
D . Form and use regular and	1	
irregular verbs.		
E. Form and use the simple (e.g., I		
walked; I walk; I will walk) verb		
tenses.		
G. Form and use comparative and		
superlative adjectives and adverbs,		
and choose between them		
depending on what is to be		
modified.		
NJSLS.L.3.2. Demonstrate		
command of the conventions of		
standard English capitalization,		
punctuation, and spelling when		
writing.		
C. Use commas and quotation		
marks in dialogue.		
E. Use conventional spelling for		
high-frequency and other studied		
words and for adding suffixes to		
base words (e.g., sitting, smiled,		
cries, happiness).		
F. Use spelling patterns and		
generalizations (e.g., word		
families, position-based spellings,		
syllable patterns, ending rules,		
meaningful word parts) in writing		
words.		
G. Consult reference materials,		
including beginning dictionaries,		
as needed to check and correct		
spellings.		

Writer's Workshop Unit 2 The Art of Information Writing November - December (9 weeks)

	Teaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	Teaching Points:	Mentor Texts:
 Write informative text to 	Bend 1: Organizing Information	<u>Dangerous Animals</u> by Melissa
examine a topic and convey	 Teaching others as a way to 	Stewart
ideas and information	prime the pump	<i><u>Butterflies and Moths</u></i> by Bobbie
clearly.	 The power of organizing 	Kalman
 Writers organize 	and reorganizing	<i>The Pumpkin Book</i> by Gail Gibbons
information to assist them	 New structures lead to new 	<i>Emperor Penguin</i> by Meish Goldish
in the writing process	thinking	<i>Water Everywhere</i> by Jill Astkins
including introductions	 Laying the bricks of 	<i>Surprising Sharks</i> by Nicola Davies
and text features.	information writing	Friends; Making Them and Keeping
 Writers use mentor texts to 	 Organization matters in 	<u>Them</u> by Patti Kelley Criswell

- make connections within and across chapters and research topics to enhance their writing.
- Writer's use a variety of writing and editing strategies to ensure accuracy of facts and clarification for reads.

Goals:

NJSLS.W.3.2. Write

informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

A. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include text features (e.g.: illustrations, diagrams, captions) when useful to support comprehension.

- **B.** Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.
- **C.** Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information.
- **D.** Provide a conclusion.

NJSLS.W.3.4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.

(Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

NJSLS.W.3.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

NJSLS.W.3.6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others

NJSLS.W.3.7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

NJSLS.W.3.8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided

texts large and small

Bend 2: Reaching to Write Well

- Studying mentor texts in a search for elaboration strategies
- Making connections within and across chapters
- Balancing facts and ideas from the start
- Researching facts and ideas from the start
- Reusing and recycling in the revision process
- Creating introductions through researching mentor authors

Bend 3: Moving Toward Publication, Moving Toward Readers

- Taking stock and setting goals
- Putting oneself in the reader's' shoes to clear up confusion
- Using text features makes it easier for readers to learn
- Fact-checking through rapid research
- Punctuating and paragraphs
- Using linking words and phrases

Bend 4: Transferring Learning From Long Projects to Short Ones

- Plan content-area writing, drawing on knowledge from across the unit
- Revising from self-assessments
- Crafting speeches, articles, or brochures while using information writing skills
- Bringing all that we know to every project

Grammar/Punctuation:

- Proper and common nouns
- Plurals
- Irregular verbs
- Irregular nouns
- Verb tenses
- Capitalization of titles

Bears by Deborah Hodge
Apples by Gail Gibbons
Bug-A-Licious by Meish Goldish
A Rock Is Lively by Dianna Hutts
Aston & Sylvia Long
Let's Go Rock Climbing published
by Houthton Mifflin
Caves by Stephen P. Kramer
Oceans and Seas (Bodies of Water)
by Cassie Mayer
Hurricane! By Jonathan London

Teacher Resources:

The Continuum of Literacy
Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide
to Teaching Written by Gay Su
Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and
Published by

Units of Study for Narrative.
Opinion, and Information
Unit 2: The Art of Information
Writing by Lucy Calkins and M.
Colleen Cruz Grade 3 Published by
Heinemann

Assessment:

Common Assessment in Information Writing Scored with Teachers College Information Rubric An expert-based project on a

Checklist for Information Writing

Writing Progressions

self-chosen topic

categories.

NJSLS.W.3.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

NJSLS.SL.3.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

A. Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

B. Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

C. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

D. Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

NJSLS.SL.3.2. Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

NJSLS.SL.3.3. Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.

NJSLS.SL.3.4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

NJSLS.SL.3.5. Use multimedia to demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details. NJSLS.SL.3.6. Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification. NJSLS.L.3.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. **A.** Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences. **B.** Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns. D. Form and use regular and irregular verbs. E. Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses. **NJSLS.L.3.2.** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. **A.** Capitalize appropriate words in titles. **E.** Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness). **F.** Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words. **G.** Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings. **NJSLS.L.3.3.** Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. A. Choose words and phrases for effect. **B.** Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English. **NISLS.L.3.6.** Acquire and use

accurately grade-appropriate
conversational, general academic,
and domain-specific words and
phrases, including those that
signal spatial and temporal
relationships (e.g., After dinner
that night we went looking for
them).

Writer's Workshop Unit 3 Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials January - February (6 weeks)

	Teaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	Bend 1: Launching Work on	Mentor Texts:
 Good writers gather and 	Persuasive Speeches	<i>I Wanna New Room</i> , by Karen
support bold opinions	 Practicing persuasion 	Kaufman Orloff
 Persuasive writing includes 	 Gathering brave, bold 	<i>Earrings</i> by Karen Viorst
well organized and well	opinions for persuasive	<i>Hey, Little Ant</i> by Philip M. Hoose
presented facts and details	writing	<u>I Wanna Iguana</u> by Karen Kauffman
Goals:	 Drawing on a repertoire of 	Orloff
NJSLS.W.3.1. Write opinion pieces	strategies for generating	<i>Duck for Presiden</i> t by Betsy Lewin
on topics or texts, supporting a	opinion writing: Writing	<i>Click Clack Moo Cows That Type</i> by
point of view with reasons.	with independence	Betsy Lewin
A. Introduce the topic or text they	 Editing as you go: Making 	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs
are writing about, state an opinion,	sure your audience can	by Jon Scieszka
and create an organizational	always read your drafts	Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!
structure that lists reasons.	 Taking stock and setting 	By Mo Willems
B. Provide reasons that support the	goals	<u>Bad Kitty Gets a Bath</u> by Nick Bruel
opinion.	_ ,_ , , , , , , ,	<u>The Great Kapok Tree</u> by Lynne
C. Use linking words and phrases	Bend 2: Raising the Level of	Cherry
(e.g., because, therefore, since, for	Persuasive Writing	
example) to connect opinion and	Gathering all that you know	
reasons.	about your opinion	Teacher Resources:
D. Provide a conclusion.	 Organizing and 	The Continuum of Literacy
NJSLS.W.3.4. With guidance and	categorizing	<u>Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide</u>
support from adults, produce	For example: Proving by	<i>to Teaching</i> Written by Gay Su
writing in which the development	showing	Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and
and organization are appropriate to	By considering audience, disconditional disconditions and disconditions are designed.	
task and purpose.	writers select and discard	Units of Study for Narrative,
NJSLS.W.3.5. With guidance and	material	Opinion, and Information
support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as	 Paragraphing to organize our drafts 	<u>Changing the World Persuasive</u>
	01 1 1 1	Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials
needed by planning, revising, and editing.	Choosing words that sound right and evoke emotion	by Lucy Calkins and Kelly Boland
NJSLS.W.3.6. With guidance and		Hohne Grade 3 Published by
support from adults, use	 Creating connections between opinions and 	Heinemann
technology to produce and publish	reasons	
writing as well as to interact and	 Looking back and looking 	<i>The Writing Strategies Book</i> by
collaborate with others.	forward: Assessing and	Jennifer Serravallo Published by
NJSLS.W.3.10. Write routinely over	preparing for	Heinemann
extended time frames (time for	mini-publication	
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research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

NJSLS.L.3.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

A. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in

particular sentences.

- B. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.
 C. Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood).
- **D.** Form and use regular and irregular verbs.
- **E.** Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses.

NJSLS.L.3.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- B. Use commas in addresses.
- **D.** Form and use possessives.
- E. Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
- F. Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.

Bend 3: From Persuasive Speeches to Petitions, Editorials, and Persuasive Letters

- Inquiry into petitions
- Becoming your own job captain
- Gathering a variety of evidence: Interviews and surveys
- Revising your introductions and conclusions to get your audience to care
- Taking stock again: Goal setting with more independence

Bend 4: Cause Groups

- Tackling a cause
- Becoming informed about a cause
- Yesterday's revisions becoming today's drafting strategies
- Getting our own writing ready for readers
- Celebrating activism

Grammar/Punctuation

- Proper capitalization and spelling in written work
- Possessive nouns
- Revist adjectives
- Revisit adverbs
- Revisit verbs
- Verb endings
- Abstract nouns
- Commas in addresses

Assessment:

- Benchmark Assessment in Opinion Writing Scored with Teachers College Opinion Rubric
- Checklist for Opinion
- Writing Progressions-Writing Pathways
- Student/ teacher conferences
- Writing samples and student writing portfolios
- Student presentations
- Writing Notebooks
- Student Performance Checklists for Writing
- Standards Based Writing Rubrics
- Writing Pathways
 Performance Assessments

Writer's Workshop Unit 4 Informational Writing: Reading, Research, and Writing in Content Areas April/May 8 weeks

1 . 1	Teaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources

Enduring Understandings:

- Good writers the structure of informational writing to organize the texts
- Drafting and revising blend together during the writing process
- Good writers are aware of their audience

Goals:

NISLS.W.3.2. Write

informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information Bend 2: Planning a Table of Contents and clearly.

A. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include text features (e.g.: illustrations, diagrams, captions) when useful to support comprehension.

B. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

C. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information. **D.** Provide a conclusion.

NJSLS.W.3.4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.

NJSLS.W.3.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

NJSLS.W.3.6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

NJSLS.W.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

NJSLS.W.3.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into divided categories.

NJSLS.SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

NJSLS.W.3.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and

Bend 1: Writing to Develop Expertise and Grow Ideas

- Teach students to use their notebooks to gather information about their topics- observational writing, sketching, boxes and bullets format, and questioning
- Nudge students to think more deeply about their topics, going back and writing about what they think about the information gathered

Writing Chapters (and return to research)

- Assess students' knowledge of using tables of contents to structure writing and then teach
- Channel students to draft chapters

Bend 3: Use Mentor Texts to Help Writers Revise Chapters They've Written And to Lift the Level of Upcoming Chapters

- Use mentor texts to spotlight structure.
- Remind students that they write new chapters and revise old chapters, returning to research
- Use mentor texts to learn about elaboration

Bend 4: Editing and Publishing to Get Ready to Teach Others

- Remind students to draw on all that they have learned about editing to get ready to publish their writing.
- Teach students that information writers revise with a lens for the characteristics of information writing, including headings and subheadings, diagrams and instructions and conclusions.

Grammar/Punctuation:

- Contractions
- Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs
- Simple, compound, and complex sentences

Mentor Texts:

Harcourt Social Studies: Our Communities Foss Science Materials Leveled science texts Teacher selected materials

Teacher Resources:

The Continuum of Literacy Learning Grades PreK-8 A Guide to Teaching Written by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas

Units of Study for Narrative, Opinion, and Information Changing the World Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials by Lucy Calkins for Grade 3 Published by Heinemann Information Writing: Reading, Research, and Writing in the Content Areas. If...Then...Curriculum, page 16

The Writing Strategies Book by Jennifer Serravallo Published by

Heinemann

Assessment:

- Information Benchmark Assessment
- Checklist for Information
- Writing Progressions-Writing Pathways
- Student/ teacher conferences
- Writing samples and student writing portfolios
- Student presentations
- Writing Notebooks
- Student Performance Checklists for Writing
- Standards Based Writing Rubrics
- Writing Pathways Performance Assessments

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NJSLS.L.3.1. Demonstrate		
command of the conventions of		
standard English grammar and		
usage when writing or		
speaking.		
G. Form and use comparative and		
superlative adjectives and adverbs,		
and choose between them		
depending		
on what is to be modified.		
H. Use coordinating and		
subordinating conjunctions.		
I. Produce simple, compound, and		
complex sentences.		
NJSLS.L.3.2. Demonstrate		
command of the conventions of		
standard English capitalization,		
punctuation, and spelling when		
writing.		
E. Use conventional spelling for		
high-frequency and other studied		
words and for adding suffixes to		
base words (e.g., sitting, smiled,		
cries, happiness).		
F. Use spelling patterns and		
generalizations (e.g., word		
families, position-based spellings,		
syllable patterns, ending rules,		
meaningful word parts) in writing		
words.		

Writer's Workshop Unit 5 Adapting and Writing Fairy Tales May/June 8 weeks

	Teaching Points	
Understandings	(Possible Mini-Lessons)	Mentor Texts/Resources
Enduring Understandings:	1 0	Short Stories:
 Fairy tales require multiple small 	Bend 1: Writing in the Footsteps of the	Fire and Wings; Dragon Tales from
moments the narrator can stitch	Classics (Adapting a fairy tale that is one	East and West by Jane Yolen
together	of two favorites; <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> or	<i>But That's Another Story</i> by Sandy
Good writers self-assess and	The Three Billy Goats Gruff)	Asher
create goals	Adapting classic tales Witing story adaptations that	<i>A Glory of Unicorns</i> by Bruce
 Fairy tales are the perfect genre to highlight figurative language 	• Willing Story adaptations that	Coville
Goals:	Storytelling, planning, and	
NJSLS.W.3.3. Write narratives to		Mentor Texts:
dévelop real or imagined	1 , , ,	<i>The Rain Babies</i> by Laura Krauss
experiences or events using	1 1 0	Melmed
narrative technique, descriptive		<i>Merlin and the Dragons</i> by Jane
details, and clear event sequences.	Bend 2: Follow the Path: Adapting Fairy	Yolen
A. Establish a situation and	Tales with independence	Stranger in the Mirror by Allen Say
introduce a narrator and/or	• Goals and plans are a big deal	, ,
characters; organize an event	 Telling stories that make readers 	<i>Raising Dragons</i> by Jerdine Nolen

sequence that unfolds naturally.

B. Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or

show the response of characters to situations.

C. Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.

D. Provide a sense of closure.

NJSLS.W.3.4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.

NJSLS.W.3.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

NJSLS.W.3.6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with

NJSLS.W.3.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection,

metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

NISLS.L.3.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

F. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.

NISLS.L.3.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

G. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.

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- Revising early and often
- When dialogue swamps your draft, add actions
- Painting a picture with words: Revising for language
- Editing for sentence variety

Bend 3: Blazing Trails: Writing Original Fairy Tales

- Collecting ideas for original fairy
- From "This is a fairy tale about" to "Once upon a time"
- Tethering objects to characters
- Using descriptive language while drafting
- Revising the magic
- Revising for readers
- Highlight specific words and use sensory details to help convey experiences.
- Notice author's craft with alliteration and sensory details to create effects.

Grammar/Punctuation:

- Using reference materials to revise Rachel Isadora and draft
- Review of subject-verb agreement
- Review of grammar and punctuation concepts in strategy groups as needed

Nobody Rides the Unicorn by Adrian Mitchell

The classic tale of *Little Red Riding* Hood

The classic tale of *The Three Billy* Goats Gruff

The classic tale of *Cinderella Prince Cinders* by Babette Cole The Three Little Pigs

The Emperor's New Clothes *Dear Cinderella* by Marian Moore & Mary Jane Kensington

The Jolly Postman and Other

People's Letters by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg

Yours Truly, Goldilocks by Alma Flor Ada

The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales by Jacob Grimm

Little Red Riding Hood by Trina Schart Hyman

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm by Jacob Grimm, Wilhelm K. Grimm *The Fisherman and His Wife* by

Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg Paul Bunyan by Stephen Krensky *The Bunyans* by Audrey Wood

Abiyoyo by Pete Seeger

Borreguita and the Coyote by Verna Aardema

The Empty Pot

Little Sima and The Giant Bowl: A

Chinese Folktale

Ming Lo Moves the Mountain by Arnold Lobel

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by

John Steptoe *The Paper Crane* by Molly Bang

A Story, A Story by Gail Haley The Talking Eggs: A Folktale From *South America* by Robert San

Souci

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's

Ears by Verma Aardema Why the Sky is Far Away: A

Nigerian Folktale by Mary Joan

Gerson

Tales of Uncle Remus: The

Adventures of Brer Rabbit by Julius Lester and Jerry Pinkney

The Classic Tales of Brer Rabbit:
From the Collected Stories of Joel
Chandler Harris by Chandler
Harris and Uncle Remus and Don
Daily

Teacher Resources:

Units of Study for Narrative,
Opinion, and Information
Writing Once Upon A Time
Adapting and Writing Fairy
Tales Unit 4 Narrative written by
Lucy Calkins and Shana Frazin
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Assessment:

- Student/ teacher conferences
- Writing samples and student writing portfolios
- Student presentations
- Writing Notebooks
- Student Performance Checklists for Writing
- Standards Based Writing Rubrics
- Reading and Writing Pathways
 Performance Assessments
- Learning Progressions
- Writing Pathways:
 Performance Assessments
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