

Grade 6 English

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Aug.	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>What are expectations during writing?</p> <p>How and why do authors write?</p> <p>What does writer's workshop look like?</p>	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>-Communicating through written language</p> <p>-Formal and Informal types of writing</p> <p>-Qualities of a good writer</p> <p>-Student expectations</p> <p>-Teacher expectations</p>	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>-Build writing stamina</p> <p>-Create a variety of sentences</p> <p>-Write for different purposes</p> <p>-Communicate effectively through written language</p>	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>-Writer's Journal</p> <p>-Observations</p> <p>-Student self-assessment</p>	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>-<i>Writing Pathways Grades 6-8</i> by Lucy Calkins</p> <p>-<i>Mastering the Mechanics Grades 6-8</i> by Linda Hoyt and Lynnette Brent Sandvold</p> <p>-<i>Writing Remix</i> by Kristina Smekens</p> <p>-Anchor charts (teacher created)</p>	<p>Launching Writer's Workshop</p> <p>-SMART Board</p> <p>-ELMO</p> <p>-PowerPoint</p> <p>-ABetterLesson.org</p> <p>-Wordly Wise</p>
Sept.	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>Why is it important for a student to write about a small moment in their life and stretch it adding details?</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>Elements of a story:</p> <p>-Dialogue</p> <p>-Flow through time</p> <p>-Beginning-Middle End</p> <p>-Who, what, where, when, why</p> <p>-Feelings/ emotions</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>-Incorporate dialogue</p> <p>-Incorporate four types of sentences</p> <p>-Develop different leads/closings</p> <p>-Learn from mentor texts</p> <p>-Express emotions</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>-Seed idea list</p> <p>-Outline of seed ideas</p> <p>-Graphic organizer of seed ideas</p> <p>-Rough draft</p> <p>-Peer edit</p> <p>-Final draft</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>-Children's books as mentor texts</p> <p>-Anchor charts (teacher created)</p> <p>-<i>Personal Narrative Grade 6: Crafting Powerful Life Stories</i> by Lucy Calkins</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Personal Narrative</p> <p>-SMART Board</p> <p>-ELMO</p> <p>-ABetterLesson.org</p>
Oct. – Nov.	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>Why is it important to be able to support a thesis statement?</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>-Qualities of a good argument</p> <p>-Persuasive strategies</p> <p>-Word choice</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>-Analyze advertisements as examples of persuasion</p> <p>-Argue and defend a common topic</p> <p>-Examine word choice</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>-<i>Scholastic News Debate Charts</i> by Scholastic</p> <p>-Essay</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>-Graphic organizers by Read Write Think website</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Persuasive Essay</p> <p>-SMART Board</p> <p>-ELMO</p> <p>-PowerPoint</p> <p>Websites:</p> <p>-Readwritethink.org</p> <p>-Scholastic.com</p>
Dec.	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>Why is paraphrasing necessary when writing a research paper?</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>-Credible sources</p> <p>-Paraphrasing</p> <p>-Paragraphing</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>-Cite sources</p> <p>-Create a visually appealing presentation</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>-Essay</p> <p>-PowerPoint</p> <p>-Oral presentation</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>-Unit (teacher created)</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Research</p> <p>-SMART Board</p> <p>-iPads</p> <p>-Google Docs</p>

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			-Enhance paragraphs with appropriate transitions			-Google Slides Websites: -WhyChristmas.com -History.com
Jan.	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories How can prepositions be used to convey a story? How are personal stories a unique form of writing?	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories -Goal setting -Sentence writing -Poetry -Prepositions -Prepositional phrases -Parts of speech -Paraphrasing -Editing -Personal connection	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories -Create goals -Self assess -Write prepositional phrases -Convey a theme -Paraphrase -Interpret original message	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories -New Year’s Resolutions -Preposition Poem -Personal Stewardship Prayer	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories -Class discussion of past experiences -Preposition Poem examples (teacher created) -St. Peter School Stewardship Prayer	Forms of Writing: Personal Stories -SMART Board -iPads -Google Docs -Google Slides
Feb.	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay How are paragraphs organized? Why are topic sentences important?	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay -Topic sentences -Levels of details -Organizational strategies	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay -Write a variety topic sentences -Write using different levels of details -Write with a variety of organizational strategies	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay -Written paragraphs	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay - <i>The Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning</i> by Write Source (2006)	Forms of Writing: Paragraph & Essay -SMART Board -iPads -Google Docs -Google Slides
March	Forms of Writing: Expository How do writers convey a message/voice through essays?	Forms of Writing: Expository -Topic sentences -Support and elaboration of topic -Organizational strategies	Forms of Writing: Expository -Select a topic -Express thoughts and justify positions -Elaborate important details -Select appropriate terminology	Forms of Writing: Expository -Graphic organizers -Thesis statement -Final essay	Forms of Writing: Expository Graphic organizers by Read Write Think website - <i>The Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning</i> by Write Source (2006)	Forms of Writing: Expository -Google docs -Google slides -iPads -SMART Board
April	Forms of Writing: Poetry How is poetry different from other forms of	Forms of Writing: Poetry Poetry including, but not limited to:	Forms of Writing: Poetry -Compare different forms of poetry	Forms of Writing: Poetry -Published pieces of poetry	Forms of Writing: Poetry -Variety of poetry books - <i>Favorite Poetry Lessons</i>	Forms of Writing: Poetry -Google docs -Google slides

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	writing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Preposition -Haiku -Limerick -Diamond -Couplets -Formula -Acrostic -Concrete -Shape -Synonyms/ Antonyms -Prepositions -Prepositional Phrases -High imagery words -Rhythm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create poetry based on style -Revise poems for meaning -Enhance poetry with choice words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Writer’s notebook -Conferences -Oral sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by Paul B. Janeczko -<i>Teaching Poetry to Children</i> by David Greenberg -<i>A Poem a Week</i> by Jessica Zannini 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -iPads -SMART Board -www.Poets.org
May	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters How are business letters formulated?</p> <p>How are friendly letters formulated?</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Headings -Inside Address -Salutations -Body -Closings -Signature 	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Compose letters for businesses and presenters -Arrange envelope information -Organize information in a relevant format 	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letters rough drafts and final drafts 	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>The Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning</i> by Write Source (2006) -Junior Achievement workbook 	<p>Forms of Writing: Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Google docs -Google slides -iPads -SMART Board