



Overview of the Year for First-Grade Writers

SEPTEMBER	UNIT 1: Launching with Small Moments
OCTOBER	UNIT 2: Writing-for-Readers
NOVEMBER	UNIT 3: Realistic Fiction
DECEMBER	UNIT 4: Procedural Writing: How-To Books
JANUARY	UNIT 5: Opinion Writing: Persuasive Letters and Speeches
FEBRUARY	UNIT 6: Authors as Mentors: Craftsmanship and Revision
MARCH	UNIT 7: Informational Books
APRIL	UNIT 8: Cross-Genre Writing Projects
MAY	UNIT 9: Informational Writing about Science
JUNE	UNIT 10: Poetry: Powerful Thoughts in Tiny Packages

The 2011–2012 proposal for a writing curricular calendar is designed to align with the Common Core State Standards and represents one possible way that a year in first grade might unfold. You will notice that many of the writing units are similar to last year, but as you read deeper, you will notice several changes. This curriculum reflects the genres of writing that are spelled out by the Common Core State Standards