



# Overview of the Year for Kindergarten Writers

SEPTEMBER	UNIT ONE: Launching the Writing Workshop
OCTOBER	UNIT TWO: Approximating Small Moments
NOVEMBER	UNIT THREE: Looking Closely: Observing, Labeling, and Listing Like Scientists
DECEMBER	UNIT FOUR: Writing Pattern Books to Read, Write, and Teach
JANUARY	UNIT FIVE: Raising the Quality of Small Moment Writing
FEBRUARY	UNIT SIX: Procedural Writing: How-To Books
MARCH	UNIT SEVEN: Informational Books
APRIL	UNIT EIGHT: Authors as Mentors
MAY	UNIT NINE: Informational Books in Science
JUNE	UNIT TEN: Poetry and Songs

Your kindergartners will come to you this year full of stories and information. Some will come from homes in which parents invite their sons and daughters to add to the shopping list or to write stories for the dolls and teddy bears, and some will come from Pre-K classrooms in which children are invited to write, tell, and act stories. But for most of your children, it will be you who will introduce them to the world of written language. This is an enormously important responsibility because you will be the person who helps each and every child in your classroom know that he or she belongs in the world of written language. You will be the one