

2nd Grade : Writing: Curriculum Overview

Our writing curriculum is based on the Common Core Standards for second graders. Throughout our writing time we work on the writing process: Brainstorming, Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Publishing using the Benchmark 2021 curriculum series. Students will be taught skills that they will use to publish written and technology based writing pieces.

Skills to be developed throughout the course:

- Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section
- Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
- With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers
- Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).
- Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

Units of Study:

- Unit 1 Plants and Animals in their Habitats - Informative/Explanatory Essay
- Unit 2 Characters Facing Challenges - Opinion Essay
- Unit 3 Government at Work - Informative/Explanatory Essay
- Unit 4 Many Characters, Many Points of View - Fictional Diary Entry
- Unit 5 Solving Problems Through Technology - Opinion Essay
- Unit 6 Tales to Live By - Narrative Fiction
- Unit 7 Investigating the Past - Narrative Nonfiction Letters
- Unit 8 Wind and Water Change Earth - Research Report
- Unit 9 Buyers and Sellers - Multimedia Presentation
- Unit 10 States of Matter - Acrostic Poem

The Learning Standards for this course are the Illinois Standards.

- [2nd Grade Standards](#)