

BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

English Language Arts | First Grade

Writing



Unit: 2 Personal Narratives

🦬 essential skills	and content	
Overview	Students write narratives to develop real or imagined experience well-structured event sequences. Time frame: 4 – 6 weeks	es or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and
Essential Questions	 How do you recount two or more appropriately sequenced events in a story? How do you include meaningful details to describe what happens in a story? What words can you use to signal event order? How can you restate the main idea at the end of a story to provide closure? 	
Learning Targets		
Content/Skills	 Concepts About Print Spaces between words. RF.1.1 When to use uppercase and lowercase letters L.1.1a Appropriate end punctuation. L.1.2b Oral Language and Grammar Common nouns, adjectives, and personal pronouns L1.1.b, L.1.1.d, L.1.1f Complete sentences (subjects and verbs) L1.1j Specific Adjectives L.1.1f Purposeful Phonics Connections Hear beginning, middle, and ending sounds RF.1.2, RF.1.2.c Recognize sound/symbol relationships RF.1.2.c Apply phonics knowledge to decode unfamiliar words RF.1.3.b Write many high-frequency words L.1.2d Reflecting Reading in Writing 	 Students choose their favorite personal narrative to publish at the end of the unit. Use small moments to develop personal narratives. Create book. Having a beginning, middle, and end. Different ways to start and end a story. Concept of print: writing from one side of the paper to the other. Different brainstorming/pre-writing strategies. Adding questions to our stories. Train track graphic organizer for sequencing

 Analyze story elements RL1.3 Ask questions RI1.1, W.1.8 Beginnings, middles, and ends of narratives W1.3 Visualize RL.1.7
Writing W.1.5, W1.6 Prewite Draft Revise Edit Publish a personal narrative Author's Craft
 Voice: Revise to Strengthen Author's Voice W.1.3 Word Choice: Avoid Overused words W.1.3

🐂 balanced assessment		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Conferencing with students during writer's workshop	Writer's checklist
Summative Assessment	Published personal narrative	Use a rubric to help students develop their published narrative
District-Wide Common Assessment		

🐂 learning experiences		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	Benchmark Writing	 Lucy Calkins "No More I'm Done" Lessons That Change Writers By Nancie Atwell

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Content Literacy		Roller Coaster by: Marla Frazee
		Owl Moon by: Jane Yolen
		Short Cut by: Donald Crews
		Apple Picking Time by: Michele Slawson
		Enemy Pie by: Derek Munson
		Thundercake by: Patricia Polacco
		The Relatives Came by: Cynthia Rylant
		The Junk Yard Wonders by: Patricia Polacco
Technology / Media		Microsoft word to publish a book
		Educreations
		Book it
		Sock Puppets
Differentiation / Intervention		Conferencing with individuals or small groups as needed.
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content-specific components			
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