



Overview of the Year for Third-Grade Writers

SEPTEMBER	UNIT 1: Launching the Writing Workshop
OCTOBER	UNIT 2: Raising the Quality of Narrative Writing
NOVEMBER	UNIT 3: Realistic Fiction
DECEMBER	UNIT 4: Opinion Writing: Persuasive Reviews and Speeches/Letters
JANUARY	UNIT 5: Informational Writing
FEBRUARY/MARCH	UNIT 6: Poetry
MARCH/APRIL	UNIT 7: Genre Studies
MAY	UNIT 8: Informational Writing: Reading, Research, and Writing in the Content Areas
JUNE	UNIT 9: Revision

This curricular calendar details the Reading and Writing Project’s proposal for a third-grade writing curriculum aligned with the Common Core State Standards. It has been extensively revised from the 2010–2011 version and will be revised again in the spring of 2012 to reflect the new learning we continue to pursue. Always, the Reading and Writing Project’s curricular calendars outline, for each K–8 grade, a yearlong course of study that is part of a spiral curriculum. Fashioned with