



Overview of the Year for Fourth-Grade Writers

SEPTEMBER	UNIT 1: Raising the Level of Personal Narrative Writing
OCTOBER	UNIT 2: Realistic Fiction
NOVEMBER	UNIT 3: The Personal and Persuasive Essay: Boxes-and-Bullets and Argument Structures for Essay Writing
DECEMBER	UNIT 4: Informational Writing: Building on Expository Structures to Write Lively, Voice-Filled Nonfiction Picture Books
JANUARY/FEBRUARY	UNIT 5: Historical Fiction: Tackling Complex Texts
FEBRUARY/MARCH	UNIT 6: Poetry: Thematic Anthologies
MARCH/APRIL	UNIT 7: Literary Essay and Test Preparation in Writing
MAY	UNIT 8: Informational Writing: Reading, Research, and Writing in the Content Areas
JUNE	UNIT 9: Memoir

This curricular calendar details the Reading and Writing Project’s proposal for a Common Core State Standards–aligned writing curriculum in fourth-grade classrooms. This document has been extensively revised since 2010–11. The document will be revised a year from now, in spring 2012, to reflect all the new learn-