Writing	Reading
 Unit 1: We ARE Writers: Launching Writing Workshop & Pattern Books Goals: Writers are learning to follow writing workshop routines and use writing materials independently Writers use writing tools Writers learn how to make a sketch Writers use a process to write (think, say, sketch, write) books that teach other people about a topic Writers use writing to share who they are 	 Unit 1: We ARE Readers Goals: Readers choose books that look interesting. Readers handle books carefully. Readers share books with a partner. Readers follow predictable routines in a workshop.
 Unit 2: Looking Closely Unit Goals: Writers observe and sketch things in the world Writers label and write about the sketch. Writers use sounds, letters, and sight words to write. Writers revise writing to make it reader friendly. 	 Unit 2: Start Book Reading Goals: Readers use the cover to remember how a story goes. Readers use the pictures to remember the story. Readers use exact words and characters' names when they "read" a star book. Readers make their voice match the characters when "reading" a star book. Readers connect the pages of their star books. Readers read their star books to a partner and ask for help when they are stuck. Readers share their opinions about their favorite parts of star books.
 Unit 3: I Like/ Opinion Pattern Books Writers will write their opinions Writers will sketch and label across pages Writers will write across pages Writers will begin to stretch out beginning and ending sounds. Writers will revise and edit opinion pattern books. 	 Unit 3: Reading Books that Fit Readers choose books that fit just right for them. Readers use all of their tools to read and have ideas about their reading. Readers use strategies to figure out the tricky, new words. Readers retell what they just read about and share their opinions with partners.
Unit 4: Writing for A Purpose (mini-unit) 2-3 weeks Goals:	Unit 4: Reading Teaching Books Readers learn information from their teaching books through pictures and words.

- Writers make lists so they can remember things.
- Writers make signs to help people in their classroom, school, home, and community.
- Writers make cards to share a personal message with someone.
- Writers make diagrams to share observations.
- Writers share their opinions with others and tell them why they have that opinion.

Writers use the conventions they know to make their writing easy to read

- Readers teach their partners what they learned from their books.
- Readers compare books with a partner.

Informational 5: How To Books Goals:

- Writer will identify the characteristics of how to books
- Writers will write to teach others how to do something
- Writers will use precise vocabulary
- Writers will begin to stretch sounds in words
- Writers will write how to books using sequencing and ordinal words to write about the steps of a process
- Writers will improve writing by revising and editing

Unit 5: Non-Fiction Reading Goals:

- Readers choose books that are just right for them.
- Readers use the title and cover to predict what the book will be about.
- Readers look closely at each page to read the book and understand what is going on.
- Readers use strategies to figure out the tricky, new words.
- Readers locate and follow the pattern words on every page.
- Readers retell what they just read about to their partners.
- Readers share their reactions and opinions to their books.

Unit 6: Informational: All About Books

- Writers will notice the characteristics of an all about book
- Writers will write all about books on topics of personal expertise
- Writers will tell and write across pages
- Writers will stretch out sounds in words
- Writers will will write in complete sentences
- Writers will improve their writing through revision and editing (add mini lesson teaching goals for cover page, labels, diagrams, captions)

Unit 6: Fluency

- Readers can sort and identify story books (fiction) and teaching books (nonfiction).
- Readers learn information from their teaching books.
- Readers teach their partners what they learned from their books.
- Readers compare books with a partner.

Unit 7: Personal Narrative: Stories About Me

- Writers will practice telling stories across their fingers
- Writers will find true small moment story ideas to write about from their lives
- Writers will write stories with a beginning, middle, and end across pages

Unit 7: Reading Together

- Readers get their minds ready to read a familiar book/shared reading text by looking very closely at the pictures.
- Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding by starting to look closer at the words.

- Writers will revise and edit small moment stories
- Writers will stretch sounds in words
- Writers will write complete sentences
- Readers have tools to use if they forget how the familiar story sounds.
- Partner read the stories together and talk about books.

Writing	Reading
Unit 1: Building Your Writing ToolBox Launching/Pattern Books Goals: • Writers use a writing process to communicate. • Writers use pattern book structures. • Writers use conventions so others can read their work.	Unit 1: Building Your Reading Tool Box Pattern Books (non-fiction/fiction) Goals: Readers make sure to choose books they enjoy and can read with fluency, accuracy and comprehension. Readers talk with partners to help them understand books. Readers take care of books so they last. Reading communities develop routines for reading workshop.
 Unit 2: Opinion Writing: Writing Book Reviews Writers generate ideas for their reviews Writers will write across pages by introducing the topic, giving reasons why, and writing a closing Writers elaborate on their reasons to make their review more convincing 	 Unit 2: Fiction: Building Strong Reading Muscles Readers use the cover, title, and pictures to predict what they will be reading about. Readers use strategies to read with accuracy. Readers determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. Readers monitor their reading and make sure it always makes sense. Readers retell what they just read to a partner. Readers practice smooth and fluent reading to a partner.
 Unit 3: Informational Books: Expert Books Goals: Generate ideas and plan for informational writing. Choose different text structures to teach about the topic. Elaborate using details that teach the reader about the topic. Use conventions precisely to make writing clear. 	 Unit 3: Questions You are Curious About Goals Readers of informational books preview a book and think about what they will be learning about. Readers of informational books think about questions they have about the book's topic. Readers use the words and visuals to try to find the answers to their questions. Readers work with partners to share their learning and explain their questions and answers.
Unit 4: Small Moments Goals: Writers generate ideas for and plan out their stories. Writers add to their work by adding to the	Unit 4: Becoming Friends With Characters: Fiction Goals: Readers get to know their characters like they get to know their friends (what they look like, what they do).

- pictures and words and making sure they show what's happening in each part of their story.
- Writers make writing ready for their readers to enjoy (spelling and punctuation).
- Writers work with partners to improve their pieces and try new things.
- Readers pause while they read to think about a character and jot down their thinking.
- Readers compare characters in books and think about how they are similar and different.
- Readers share their thinking with their partners.

Unit 5: Fiction Series Writing

- Writers develop characters that are similar to themselves.
- Writers create many-moment stories where their characters face trouble and need to solve it.
- Writers spend time rehearsing for their stories by storytelling, sketching, and getting feedback from their partners.
- Writers develop small moment scenes where the characters unsuccessfully attempt to solve their troubles.
- Writers reread their writing often and use all they know to elaborate a many-moment story

Unit 5: Series Fiction Reading

- Readers examine the same characters across texts
- Readers predict how the story might go after reading several books in a series
- Readers of series take note of an author's signature moves and use that to help deepen their understanding of a text
- Readers read multiple series and look closely at the lessons the authors teach us
- Readers talk about the series in their partnerships and look for similarities or differences in the characters

Writing	Reading
 Unit 1: One Scene Stories - Narrative Goals: Writers understand the writing process: rehearsal, drafting, revising and editing. Writers focus on a scene and "write long" about it. Writers use conventions to make their writing easy to read. Writers use strategies independently that move them through the writing process. 	 Unit 1: Understanding Characters & Their Adventures Goals: Readers make sure their stories always make sense when they read. Readers share their understanding with others in a variety of ways (retell, reactions, ideas). Readers recognize that stories are made up of parts (story elements) and use them to help them retell. Readers read and reread in a smooth voice that shows the feeling of the part of the book. Readers develop routines to live a life of a reader
 Unit 2: Fairytales & Folktales Writers consider the setting and the magical elements in the story Writers focus on incorporating thoughts, actions, dialogue, and description to tell a story Writers use their storytelling skills to write a fairytale or folktale with a clear beginning, middle, and end Writers edit their fairytales or folktales based on a self-generated checklist 	 Unit 2: Fairytales & Folktales Readers read fairytales and folktales by examining the characters quest or journey Readers analyze the characters choices and use them to think about the story's message Readers discuss with their partnerships the lessons learned in folktales and fairytales Readers notice how the author creates the magical world for the story to take place in
 Unit 3: Informational Expertise Books Goals: Informational writers generate ideas by thinking about where they are experts. Writers elaborate on a topic they know about with words and visuals. Writers use text features to share all that they know and how the information goes together. Writers make sure they use precise words and accurate information. Writers reread their writing so it makes sense and looks right. 	 Unit 3: Reading to Learn Information_Non-Fiction (All Abouts) Goals: Readers use an informational book's structure and features to help them learn. Readers develop an understanding of an informational text topic by stopping to think and jot notes. Readers have strategies to help them understand a text when it gets difficult or confusing. Readers share what they are learning with others.
Unit 4: Persuasive Mini-Critic Reviews Persuasive Letter Writing • Writers generate ideas for their reviews • Writers write reviews including their	Unit 4: Realistic Fiction Series Reading: Developing Ideas About Characters (In Partnerships) Readers pay attention to what a character does, says, and thinks.

- opinion and reasons that support that • Writers elaborate on their opinions by adding examples • Writers revise and elaborate their writing to make it interesting to readers.
- Writers revise their reviews by trying out
- Writers edit their reviews to make it clear
- new ways to organize and structure it and convincing to readers
- Readers write down their ideas about characters and explain these ideas to their partners.
- Readers compare their ideas with their partners' ideas.
- Readers read in a way that matches the character's feelings or traits.
- Readers study characters and form ideas about them.
- Readers write down their opinions and explain why they have them.

Unit 5: Poetry Mini-Unit (2-3 weeks!)

- Writers generate ideas for poetry by looking at objects, experiences, pictures with poet eyes
- Writers create poetry with voice, power, and purpose
- Writers reshape and revise their poetry to add power
- Poets go back and edit their poetry and make purposeful choices about how they want to use punctuation and spacing

Unit 5: Poetry Unit

- Readers of poetry explore various ways in which authors create emotion and imagery through words
- Readers reread poetry and look for other messages and meanings
- Readers share interpretations of poetry with others and form ideas about what the poem might be telling or teaching us

Unit 6: Informational Unit: Research Slide Show Presentations - Informational (digital platform for publishing)

- Writers take notes as they research and sort them into categories.
- Writers elaborate and "write long" about categories of information they find.
- Writers draft slides for a presentation by including a heading (category) and facts that go with that heading.
- Writers use what they know about including informational text features into their presentation slides.
- Writers consider the transitions between slides and make sure they connect in a clear way.
- Writers present their digital slide shows by explaining and not just reading what they wrote.

(Sustainability/Resources)

Unit 7: (time permitted) Mini-Unit: Authoring an Independent Writing Life

Unit 6: Reading Non-Fiction with a Lens on Research: Pursuing Topics of Interest

- Researchers create collections of books and resources to study about a topic.
- Researchers organize their books into "starter books" and "harder books" to figure out the order they will begin to read the collection.
- Researchers take notes about what they are learning and organize them into categories in their notebooks.

Unit 7: (time permitted) Mini-Unit Authoring an Independent Reading Life (Charlotte's Web: Interactive Read Aloud)

Writing	Reading
 Unit 1: Personal Narrative: Crafting True Stories Goals: Writers generate ideas for stories and write stories using the story structure. Writers maintain focus on a memorable moment Writers elaborate using narrative details. Writers revise their personal narratives Writers edit their personal narratives thinking about grammar and conventions to express writing clearly. 	 Unit 1: Rejuvenating our Reading Lives: Studying Characters Goals: Readers describe and build their reading identities. Readers choose "just right" texts and use both tools and strategies to help them understand. Readers support each other in the reading community by sharing strategies, building conversation, and using routines to improve their reading lives. Readers jot and write about their reading to remember, reflect, grow, and deepen ideas
 Unit 2: All About/Q & A Books Writers plan for an informational book by listing questions that go with the topic. Writers collect entries that explain the answer to their questions. Writers consider the sequence of information they want to teach and draft in a way that matches that order. Writers revise by using precise language, visuals, and by making sure each question and answer align. Writers talk with with support partners. 	 Unit 2: Navigating Non-Fiction: What's the Point? Determining Main Ideas Authors' Want us to Know Readers figure out the broad topic, main topic, and main ideas of a text. Readers use information from words and text features to determine main ideas and details. Readers share the key details and explain how they support the main idea. Readers teach their partners about their topic by describing the connections between parts of a text and how they go together. Readers compare information across books with a partner and through writing.
 Unit 3: Exploring Influential People Goals: Writers generate ideas and plan for informational writing. Writers choose different text structures to teach about the topic/person Writers elaborate using details that teach the reader about the topic and the person's life Writers use conventions precisely to make writing clear. 	 Unit 3: Biography Book Clubs (Fiction & Biography) Goals: Readers notice the characteristics that are similar and different about fiction and biography. Readers pay attention and keep track of the characters- especially their challenges, triumphs, and life lessons and compare these across texts. Readers talk about the larger messages authors are sending us about the world.
Unit 4: Character-Based Literary Essay	Unit 4: Mystery Book Clubs

- Writers collect ideas with evidence about the characters they read about.
- Writers collect longer entries where they expand and explain their ideas about characters.
- Writers choose a claim they can support throughout the book about a character.
- Writers plan for an essay that supports the claim with boxes and bullets.
- Writers draft essays that prove a claim, include specific examples from the text, and explanations.
- Writers use introductions and conclusions to set up and close their arguments.
- Writers maintain a formal style of writing.

- Readers notice the elements of a mystery and use these elements to read with purpose
- Readers pay attention to the ways in which the author develops and deepens the problem/mystery in the text
- Readers look closely at who the characters are as people and use that to predict how the story might go
- Readers keep track of their thinking across the mystery and revisit ideas as they learn more

Unit 5: Persuasive Writing: Writing Petitions & Persuasive Speeches

- Writers state their claim right from the start
- Writers write multiple reasons to support their opinion
- Writers will write persuasive speeches/petitions/including their opinion and reasons that support that
- Writers will elaborate on their opinions by adding examples
- Writers will revise and elaborate their writing to make it interesting to readers.
- Writers revise their petitions/speeches by trying out new ways to organize and structure it

Unit 5: Synthesizing and Uncovering Main Idea

- Readers figure out the broad topic, main topic, and main ideas of a text.
- Readers use information from words and text features to determine main ideas and details.
- Readers share the key details and explain how they support the main idea.
- Readers teach their partners about their topic by describing the connections between parts of a text and how they go together.
- Readers compare information across books with a partner and through writing.

Unit 6: Fractured Fairytales Goals:

- Writers have different ways to get ideas for our fairy tales
- Writers use the elements of storytelling to create their fantasy worlds
- Writers think about ways we can elaborate the scenes of their fairytales

Unit 6: Fairy Tales & Fantasy

- Readers look closely at how the magical parts of the story influence how the story goes
- Readers pay close attention to the setting and what kinds of values and beliefs the characters hold true
- Readers compare the themes of fairy tales and fantasy noticing any patterns across texts
- Readers stop and record their thinking as they read and go back to revise and confirm theories
- Readers participate in several booktalks to extend and deepen their ideas

Writing	Reading
 Unit 1: Purposeful Personal Narratives Using the Writing Notebook - Narrative Writers use a notebook to take risks and try out strategies. Writers use a process that involves collecting entries, choosing ideas, planning, drafting, revising, and editing. Writers create a personal narrative focusing on a small moment of time (scene). Writers recreate their moments for readers to understand by including dialogue, internal thinking, description, and small actions 	 Unit 1: Studying & Sharing Our Thinking about Characters Goals: Readers choose books they can and want to read. Readers pay attention to their thinking as they read. Readers create reading notebook entries to record and develop their thinking. Readers share their thinking with others in conversations. Readers reflect on their reading process and set goals for themselves.
 Unit 2: Informational Feature Articles Goals: Writers study what feature article writers do and make a plan for how they will research their topic. Writers collect information on a topic and verify it is accurate. Writers consider what format to present their information visual parts and text parts. Writers draft their feature articles using precise words, accurate information, and clear descriptions. Writers consider their audience and use terms and explanations that match their background on a topic. Writers reread and edit their feature articles so they are conventionally correct and sources are cited. 	Unit 2: Synthesizing Main Ideas Across Texts Goals: Readers identify the type of nonfiction text they are reading Readers understand what synthesis means Readers think over-time and refine their thinking about a nonfiction topic Readers use reading notebook entries to synthesize information Readers use conversations to synthesize information
Unit 3: Theme Literary Essay - Opinion Writers interpret themes in short stories and take notes to keep track of them. Writers notice that different short stories have common themes. Writers notice how authors portray similar	Unit 3: Historical Fiction Readers think over-time and refine their thinking about characters Readers compare characters within and across books Readers use reading notebook entries to

themes in different ways.

understand characters

 Writers make claims across short stories to prove a common theme. Writers use specific references to the short stories (ex. direct quotes and examples) to support their claims. Writers build an essay that proves a claim and shows a logical line of thinking. Writes accurately cite where a direct or indirect quote comes from in a short story. 	 Readers pay attention to how the setting and time period influences the story Readers use conversations to understand characters in deeper ways
Unit 4: Persuasive Writing (TBD)	Unit 4: Considering Multiple Perspectives: book/ research clubs (Tying in the science/social studies) Readers understand what perspectives means Readers identify the perspective(s) in their texts along with those that are missing Readers compare perspectives on the same topic Readers use reading notebook entries to understand perspectives Readers use conversations to understand perspectives
 Unit 5: Writing Fanfiction Writers generate ideas for and plan fiction stories inspired by and based on literature. Writers elaborate using the elements of fiction and craft inspired by a piece of literature. Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully. Writers use writing clubs to give and get feedback throughout the writing process. 	Unit 5: Fiction Book Clubs Interpreting Themes in Books and In Our Lives Readers understand what interpreting themes means Readers use frames and patterns to learn larger life lessons from books Readers compare themes across different texts Readers use reading notebook entries to interpret themes Readers use conversations to interpret themes
Unit 6: Possible Mini-Unit: Authoring an Independent Writing Life	Unit 6: Authoring an Independent Reading Life: Mixed Genre

Writing	Reading
 Unit 1: Launching/Memoir Writers generate ideas for memoir by thinking about pivotal moments in their lives Writers draft memoirs blending personal essay and personal narrative Writers infuse reflective writing and play with various structures Writers revise and publish their memoirs Writers edit their memoirs thinking about how to make them clearer for the reader 	 Unit 1: Launching/Fiction Readers understand what interpreting themes means. Readers use frames and patterns to learn larger life lessons from books. Readers compare themes across different texts. Readers use reading notebook entries to interpret themes. Readers use conversations to interpret themes.
Unit 2: Literary Analysis: Writing About Reading Exploring Themes Across Texts Oals: Writers generate ideas about worthwhile topics worth sharing after reading powerful texts Writers write multiple paragraphs using specific text evidence and their thinking to support that Writers write a clear opening and closing that states their claim with clarity and purpose Writers use transitions to go from one idea to the next and think about their specific word choice Writers edit their work to make their message strong and clear for their reader	 Unit 2: Realistic Fiction Making Claims Across Different Texts Goals: Readers make claims about a text's themes, conflicts, and influence of point of view. Readers adjust their strategies according to the genre of the text. Readers compare their claims across genres and texts. Readers support their claims with relevant evidence and explanation. Readers use writing and conversation to deepen their understanding across texts.
Unit 3: Informational Feature Article Goals: Writers explore ways to digitally publish their feature articles by considering their message & their audience Writers select topics and refine those topics for appropriate focus. Writers explain their information using precise language, voice, and structure. Writers research and include that research when explaining their information. Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully.	Unit 3: Informational: Exploring The World's Hemisphere Reading, Research, and Writing

- Writers learn from different media types on a particular topic.
- Writers take a solid stance (claim and argument) and support it with clear evidence.
- Writers persuade the reader by using voice, structure, and precise language.
- Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully.

Novels (Book Clubs)

- Readers use close reading strategies to generate ideas about possible themes with their book club.
- Readers analyze literary elements to generate ideas about possible themes.
- Readers make claims about a book's themes after finishing reading the text, rereading notes, and discussing it with a partner.
- Readers compare themes across texts with text evidence and explanation.
- Readers establish routines for managing book clubs.
- Readers use what they know about characters, their relationships, and conflict to form ideas worth sharing with their club.
- Readers notice how the setting is impacting the characters.

Unit 5: Science- Fiction Goals:

- Writers generate ideas for their fantasy stories
- Writers understand the arc of a story and how to create excitement for reader
- Writers create a lesson or theme through their fantasy pieces
- Writers elaborate their fantasy stories by adding details to the setting, character complexities, and symbolism
- Writers revise and edit their fantasy stories

Unit 5: Reading Like a Fan to See the World Through an Author's Eyes: (Science-Fiction & Fantasy)

Goals:

- Readers read many books by a particular author, learning that author's characteristics or trademarks through setting, plot, character, and craft.
- Readers synthesize themes across many texts to consider the author's overall message.
- Readers use conversation to deepen understanding of the books and the author they are studying.
- Readers reflect and share how their thinking is moved or shaped by a particular author.

Writing	Reading
Unit 1: Launching/Personal Narrative Choosing Relevant Themes and Writing to Address Those Themes Writers generate powerful ideas for personal narrative stories Writers plan for their writing considering character(themselves) and theme. Writers independently revise focusing on character(themselves) and theme. Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully.	 Unit 1: Digging Deeper into Fiction (& Sign Posts) Readers independently manage their book clubs. Readers work in clubs, having conversations about their reading while growing big ideas. Book clubs understand middle school social issues. Readers consider how word choice impacts the ways characters and issues are presented. Readers take action after reading, integrating their learning from varied text types
 Unit 2: Argument Essay- student choice topic Writers select topics and refine those topics for appropriate focus Writers research and include that research when explaining their information. Writers explain their information using precise language, voice, and structure. Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully. 	Unit 2: Exploring Various Types of Non-fiction Through Research in Current Events (expository/narrative/hybrid) & Sign Posts for Non-Fiction
 Unit 3: Literary Analysis: Interpreting and Conveying Messages and Ideas Writers write about the thinking work they are doing as readers. Writers craft claims that set up a clear essay structure. Writers craft literary essays that explore themes in a single text. Writers develop convincing argument essays with evidence and explanation. Writers craft literary essays that explore themes in multiple texts. Writers revise drafts to make them more precise, convincing and coherent. Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully. 	 Unit 3: Dystopian Literature Book Clubs Goals: Readers independently manage their book clubs. Readers build background information about their study (Holocaust/WWII). Readers are able to study patterns of intolerance and justice through their reading and in clubs. Readers and clubs grow theories by reading closely, asking questions and growing conversations. Readers understand how author's choices develop the reader's overall understanding of the text. Readers revise their thinking in preparation for their writing.

Unit 4: Writers Make Choices for their Audience and Message: Content Area Writing with a Lens of History

Goals:

- Researchers choose and develop a familiar topic.
- Researchers gather and record information on their topic.
- Writers plan and draft considering narrative and expository structures.
- Writers revise for structure and voice while considering audience.
- Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas precisely and powerfully.

Unit 4: Informational Research: Developing an Analytical Lens for Reading Goals:

- Readers independently manage their research clubs.
- Readers use common features and structures of informational text to make meaning.
- Readers independently, and in clubs, think big about the ideas in their books.
- Readers become knowledgeable about their subjects.

Unit 5: Writing Hero's Tales

- Writers generate ideas for their hero tales think about narrative writing elements
- Writers write with the idea of taking the reader on a hero's journey (the arc of a story!)
- Writers create a story where the hero learns something about life
- Writers elaborate their hero's journey stories using a variety of craft
- Writers use grammar and conventions to convey ideas with clarity and purpose

Unit 5: Mythology & Hero's Tales (Graphic Novels)