

Suggested Writing Calendar for 2009-2010

Teachers in Campbell County have received extensive and varied training in the teaching of writing. Step Up to Writing, Six Traits, and now, Lucy Calkins' Units of Study are part of a teacher's repertoire for providing writing instruction. Teachers may also include writing lessons from **Treasures**. Where does it all fit in? What are the district's curricular requirements for teaching writing?

Lucy Calkins's Units of Study should be the core writing instruction used in K- 6 classrooms throughout Campbell County. The Units of Study will teach each teacher how to teach writing to his/her classroom. Step up to Writing, Six Traits, and the PAWS scoring rubric (gr. 3-6) should be woven throughout the mini lessons of the writing workshop depending on student needs. The writing activities in **Treasures** may also be incorporated. Teachers should teach the Writing to a Prompt lessons in week 3 throughout all the units in the first through sixth grade levels of **Treasures**.

The Units of Study build upon each other. The skills taught in each unit should be revisited and reviewed throughout the year. Poetry and letter writing can be integrated and taught during the year. Teachers will find reading Nuts and Bolts of Teaching Writing (primary), A Guide to the Writing Workshop (intermediate), and the Conferring Handbook (primary) very helpful in setting up writer's workshop.

Below is a suggested calendar for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Each unit should ideally last about five weeks. The units in bold are the minimum requirements.

Kindergarten Writing Calendar

September	Shared Writing in Treasures, Unit 1, Smart Start
October	Writing in Treasures, Unit 1 and Unit 2
November	Writing in Treasures, Unit 2 and Unit 3
December	Writing in Treasures, Unit 4
January	Launching the Writing Workshop – Unit 1
February	Launching the Writing Workshop – Unit 1
March	Small Moments – Unit 2
April	Small Moments – Unit 2
May	Continue with Units of Study and/or Treasures

First Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1 and Small Moments, Unit 2
October	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1, Small Moments, Unit 2, Many Moments lessons, Authors as Mentors, Unit 5, Sessions 9, 10, 11
November	Small Moments
December	Small Moments
January	The Craft of Revision, Unit 4
February	Writing for Readers: Teaching Skills and Strategies, Unit 3
March	Non-Fiction Writing – Procedures and Reports, Unit 6
April	CCSD Writing DSPA
May	Poetry

Second Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1
October	Small Moments, Unit 2
November	Writing for Readers, Unit 3 and The Craft of Revision, Unit 4
December	Letter Writing and Teacher’s Choice
January	Non-Fiction Writing – Procedures and Reports, Unit 6
February	Author’s as Mentors, Unit 5
March	Teacher’s Choice or resources from Lucy Calkins or Stephanie Parsons*
April	Poetry
May	Letter Writing and Teacher’s Choice

* Teaching Second Grade Writers with Units of Study by Lucy Calkins, Second Grade Writers by Stephanie Parsons (available from the Facilitator’s office), or Second Grade Writing Curriculum from Teachers College Reading and Writing Project

Third Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1
October	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1/Raising the Quality, Unit 2
November	Raising the Quality of Narrative Writing, Unit 2
December	Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
January	Friendly Letter Writing for PAWS
February	Preparing for the Writing Tasks on PAWS
March	PAWS/Teacher’s Choice
April	PAWS/ Writing Fiction, Big Dreams, Tall Ambitions, Unit 4
May	Poetry

Fourth Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1
October	Raising the Quality of Narrative Writing, Unit 2
November	Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
December	Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
January	PAWS prep – Formal Letter Writing
February	PAWS
March	PAWS
April	Fiction
May	Touch on Literary Essays: Writing about Reading, Unit 5

Fifth Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1
October	Introduce Six Traits and PAWS rubric
November	Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
December	Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
January	Literary Essays, Writing About Reading, Unit 5
February	Review Expository and Expressive, Step Up, Six Traits for PAWS
March	PAWS
April	Teacher Choice Poetry or Writing Fiction, Big Dreams, Tall Ambitions, Unit 4
May	Memoir: The Art of Writing Well, Unit 6

Sixth Grade Writing Calendar

September	Launching the Writing Workshop, Unit 1
October	Raising the Quality of Narrative Writing, Unit 2
November	Writing Non-Fiction – How-to, Procedural
December	Writing Non-Fiction – How-to, Procedural
January	Writing Fiction – Big Dreams, Tall Ambitions, Unit 4
February	Writing Fiction – Big Dreams, Tall Ambitions, Unit 4
March	Preparing for PAWS – Prompt writing, released items
April	PAWS – Breathing Life into Essays, Unit 3
May	Literary Essays, Writing about Reading, Unit 5 or Memoir, Unit 6