

WRITING FUNDAMENTALS UNITS OF STUDY

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Genre: Narrative		
<p align="center">Personal Narrative</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i> • <i>Guys Write for Guys Read</i> • <i>Looking Back</i> • <i>My Freedom Trip</i> • <i>Sister Anne's Hands</i> • <i>Skin Deep</i> • <i>When I Was Your Age, Vol. 1</i> 	<p align="center">Memoir</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Baseball, Snakes, and Summer Squash</i> • <i>How to Write Your Life Story</i> • <i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String</i> • <i>Marshfield Dreams</i> • <i>The Other Side</i> • <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i> • <i>When I Was Your Age, Vol. 2</i> 	<p align="center">Multi-Genre Memoir</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crazy Lady</i> • <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> • <i>Hatchet</i> • <i>Mailing May</i> • <i>Maniac Magee</i> • <i>Pink & Say</i> • <i>Tracking Trash</i>
Genre: Persuasive/Opinion		
<p align="center">Persuasive (Introductory)</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> • <i>Father Water, Mother Woods</i> • <i>Feathers and Fools</i> • <i>The Lorax</i> • <i>Read All About It!</i> • <i>Teen Ink</i> • <i>Voices from the Fields</i> 	<p align="center">Content-Area Persuasive (Issues)</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Faithful Elephants</i> • <i>The Great Kapok Tree</i> • <i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i> • <i>A River Ran Wild</i> • <i>The Salamander Room</i> • <i>Smoky Night</i> • <i>The Yellow Star</i> 	<p align="center">Book Review</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fly Away Home</i> • <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> • <i>Baseball in April</i> • <i>Baseball Saved Us</i> • <i>The Memory Box</i> • <i>Woman Hollering Creek</i> • <i>Wings</i>
Genre: Informational/Explanatory		
<p align="center">Feature Article</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Animals in the House</i> • <i>Ladies First</i> • <i>The Most Beautiful Roof in the World</i> • <i>Rescues!</i> • <i>Team Moon</i> • <i>Tracking Trash</i> • <i>The Wall</i> 	<p align="center">Photo Essay</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Afghan Dreams</i> • <i>Harlem</i> • <i>The Milestone Project</i> • <i>My Painted House</i> • <i>Talking Walls</i> • <i>Tour America</i> • <i>When the Wolves Returned</i> 	<p align="center">Literary Essay</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fly Away Home</i> • <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> • <i>Baseball in April</i> • <i>Baseball Saved Us</i> • <i>The Memory Box</i> • <i>Woman Hollering Creek</i> • <i>Wings</i>
<p align="center">Revision</p> <p>Mentor Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All the Places to Love</i> • <i>Bedhead</i> • <i>Cloud Dance</i> • <i>Guys Write for Guys Read</i> • <i>Scarecrow</i> • <i>Through Grandpa's Eyes</i> • <i>Twenty-Odd Ducks</i> 		