**Writer’s Workshop**

**Tentative Yearly Schedule**

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| **August/September****Trait-Idea**Select an ideaNarrow the ideaElaborate on the idea Discover the best information to convey the main ideaIntroduce Writer’s WorkshopDevelop rules and expectationsSet up writing folders Writing “All About Me” Introduce the steps in the writing process (prewrite, draft, edit, revise and publish). | **October****Trait- Organization** Writing the introduction-hookDeveloping the middle of the paper (outlining the story) Writing a conclusion (brainstorm the possibilities) Narrative writing- descriptive words, adding detail, dialogue and having a strong ending. How to write a narrative Fall writing activity Steps in the writing process- focus of prewriting  | **November****Trait- Voice**Know your audience and purpose of writingTake risks that show who you areLearning to hear voice in literature (activity)Mailbag (activity) Narrative writing- descriptive words, adding detail, dialogue and having a strong ending Students will write narrative piece using prewriting, drafting, editing, revising and publishing steps. Pieces will be displayed during parent night.Veterans Day (write letters to our troops)Steps in the writing process- focus on drafting |
| **December****Trait- Word Choice** Striking languageExact language (Active and Passive verbs)Natural language (Remember when)Beautiful language (Shaping words)Produce a “tired” word pocket chart (students will come up with new and fun ways to say old tired words) **Opinion Writing**-What is opinion writing?How to write an opinion pieceRead *Should There Be Zoos?* by Tony Stead**Dec. Cont.**“Would You Rather” activity Steps in the writing process- Focus on editing | **January****Trait – Sentence Fluency** Establishing flow, rhythm and cadence (reading aloud to yourself)Varying sentence length and structure (Picture your sentence)Construction sentences that enhance meaning (Which is better?)**Opinion Writing** Write an opinion piece using prewriting, drafting, editing and publishing steps.Steps in the writing process- focus on revising  | **February****Trait- Conventions**Model editing (ask students to help edit my work)Provide students with editor symbolsEdit at the very endEdit Hunt (provide students with published work to edit) **Informational Writing** What is informational writing?How to write an informational piece. Steps in the writing process- focus on publishing  |
| **March****Trait- Presentation** What makes writing clear and readable? Taking time on final drafts.Getting a piece ready to turn in.Florida Writes- March 7 **Informational Writing**Students will write an informational piece using prewriting, drafting, editing, revising and publishing steps. Steps in the writing process- focus on any that are giving students the most trouble. | **April**Introduce poetry writing.April is National Poetry Month.Explore different types of poetry. Write “I am” poemColor Poems—Using the Five Senses to Guide PrewritingFSA testing- April 10-12 | **May**Wrap it up! Celebrate great 4th grade writers! Write a letter to your 5th grade teacher. Include what you have learned this year and what your goals are for next year. Also, let your new teacher know a little about you (likes, dislikes, and family information).Write a letter for me to give to my new 4th graders at the beginning of next year. Describe what they are going to learn and activities to look forward to.  |