

Third Grade Writing Curriculum Map

Key Concepts	Key Skills Taught	Strategies Used to Teach	Trimester	Assessment	Maine Learning Results
How to Write a “Paragraph”	Topic Sentence Body Closing Sentence	Posters Model Examples from Texts Worksheets	All	Worksheets	B: Writing B1: Interconnected Elements C and E
Mechanics	Indenting Capitalization Punctuation	Modeling Worksheets Literature Based Texts Posters	All	Quiz 3 rd Grade Writing Prompt	B: Writing B1: Interconnected Elements G D: Language D2: Mechanics A-C
Editing	Teach Editing Marks Capitals = End Punctuation ⊙ Indent → Spelling ☑	Hand Outs Worksheets Modeling Daily Oral Language Charts Peer Editing	All	Quiz Student Example	B: Writing B1: Interconnected Elements G D2: Mechanics A-C
Personal Narrative	Review a “seed” topic and a “watermelon” topic Choose “small moment” Story: person, place & Thing Zooming in to find the most important part of the story Timelines, story mountains, boxes and bullets Discovery Drafts (rough drafts) Revise Leads and Endings	Generate Examples / Lists Sketching Student Piece Modeling Highlight the most important part in student piece Model Student Examples Storytell (oral telling of story) Written Draft Model Model Text for ending (“Fireflies”) Student Piece	First	3 rd Grade Writing Prompt	B: Writing B1: Interconnected Elements A-C E-H B2: Narrative A-C D: Language D2: Mechanics A-C

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Personal Narrative (cont.)	Develop the “heart” of the story Using editing checklist Revision	Modeling Model Text “Shortcut” Student Piece Checklist Use Different Lens	First	Student Generated Final Piece	Continued
Fiction Writing	Imagine Stories from ordinary moments and stories we wish existed Develop believable characters with struggles and motivations Develop a Story Mountain Plan and Write Scenes	Revisit Personal Narrative Piece and ask... “What else could happen?” or “What if...?” Generate a list in student notebook of stories wish existed Generate a “T” Chart Lists Sketch out character Chart with advice on how to develop characters Cause / Effect Chart Mentor Text Teacher model Students Generate an example in Notebook Mentor Text Use a story mountain to plan and plot story	Second	Observation Student Lists Student Examples	B: Writing B1: Interconnected Elements A-C E-H B2: Narrative A and B D: Language D2: Mechanics A-C

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Information / Descriptive Writing (cont)	Organize for Drafting Drafting Writing Introductions and Conclusions Revision and Editing	Tap Out on Fingers to See Layout Underline supporting points in notes or on outline Use Chart of Transitional Words Model Piece for Students to Reference Chart of Ways to Start and End a Piece Choose Ways That Fit the Style of Writing Edit Checklist Use and read with different lens	Third	Final Piece	Continued

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Grammar

Key Concepts	Key Skills Taught	Strategies Used to Teach	Trimester	Assessment	Maine Learning Results
Sentence Structure	Statements Questions Exclamations Commands Mechanics (. ! ?) Subjects and Predicates	Textbook Instruction Workbook pages Whole Group mini lessons Small Group / partner group activities Charts Boardwork Games Oral Responses	First	Quizzes Worksheets End-of-theme tests Classwork Oral Responses	D. Language D1 Language/Usage 3-5 D2 Mechanics
Nouns Introduce Classifying & Categorizing Words	Common / Proper Singular / Plural Irregular Spelling Plural Common words	Textbook Instruction Workbook pages Whole Group mini lessons Small Group / partner group activities Charts Boardwork Games Oral Responses Transparencies	First	Quizzes Worksheets Classwork Oral Responses Not tested	D. Language D1 Language/Usage 3-5 D2 Mechanics
Pronouns Adjectives Introduce Classifying & Categorizing	Singular / Plural Subject Pronouns Object Pronouns Adj.- Tell How Many What Kind Articles Adjectives that Compare Rhyming Multiple Meaning Words	Textbook Instruction Workbook Pages Worksheets Whole Group / Mini Lessons	Second	Quizzes Worksheets End of Theme Tests Classwork Oral Responses	D. Language D1 Language/Usage 3-5 D2 Mechanics

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Spelling

Key Concepts	Key Skills Taught	Strategies Used to Teach	Trimester	Assessment	Maine Learning Results
<p>Short Vowel Words</p> <p>Long Vowel Words</p> <p>Words with silent Consonants</p> <p>Diagraphs</p> <p>Variet o sounds</p>	<p>Short a, e, i, o, u</p> <p>Long o, e, i, o, u</p> <p>Kn, wr, gh, ph</p> <p>Sh, ch, wh</p> <p>oo, oo, o</p>	<p>Textbook Instruction (whole group)</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics Worksheets</p> <p>Pretest</p> <p>Boardwork</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Use Word in Context</p> <p>ABC Order</p> <p>Dictionary Skills</p>	<p>First</p>	<p>Post Test</p> <p>Oral Spelling</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Dictation</p>	<p>D: Language</p> <p>D2: Mechanics</p>
<p>Vowel Diphthong</p> <p>R-Controlled Vowels</p> <p>Homophones</p> <p>Suffixes</p> <p>Words that begin a; be-</p> <p>Contractions and Possessives</p>	<p>Oi, oy, ou, ow</p> <p>Ar, Ar, air, ere, ear, are, or, ore, our, ur</p> <p>Spell words that are homophones</p> <p>Words ending in ed, ing with and without changes</p> <p>Spell words that begin with a; be –</p> <p>Spell words that are singular possessive / Plural Possessives</p>	<p>Textbook Instruction (whole group)</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics Worksheets</p> <p>Pretest</p> <p>Boardwork</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Use Word in Context</p> <p>ABC Order</p> <p>Dictionary Skills</p>	<p>Second</p>	<p>Post Test</p> <p>Oral Spelling</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Dictation</p>	<p>D: Language</p> <p>D2: Mechanics</p>

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<p>Changing Y to i</p> <p>Double Medial Consonants</p> <p>Suffixes</p> <p>Words that end with e</p> <p>Compound Words</p> <p>Words with er sound</p> <p>Words with /el/ sound</p> <p>Words that end with /en/ sound</p>	<p>Spell words ending in y that change to ed, es</p> <p>Present words with double medial consonants</p> <p>Word with suffixes er, ful, ly</p> <p>Present words that end with long e spelled with Y, ey, ie</p> <p>Present list of compound words</p> <p>Present list of words ending with er, ar, or</p> <p>Spell list of words that end with: el, al</p> <p>Spell list of words that end with en, on, ain</p>	<p>Textbook Instruction (whole group)</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics Worksheets</p> <p>Pretest</p> <p>Boardwork</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Use Word in Context</p> <p>ABC Order</p> <p>Dictionary Skills</p>	<p>Third</p>	<p>Post Test</p> <p>Oral Spelling</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Dictation</p>	<p>D: Language</p> <p>D2: Mechanics</p>