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Somers Point Schools

This document reflects the collaboration of teachers, staff, students, parents, and the Board of Education to define our mission, vision and beliefs to guide our work.

Our Mission

Empower each student to make responsible choices, meet challenges, achieve personal success, and contribute to a global society as they apply the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards to become autonomous, lifelong learners who are literate problem solvers across all disciplines. This is accomplished through:

- Offering diverse, challenging, effective and progressive programs in a safe, nurturing environment
- Providing optimal facilities and resources
- Mastering the skills and tools needed for success
- Facilitating an educational partnership with home, school and community

Our Beliefs

Beliefs: We believe that our empowered learners:

- Participate in educational programs that are designed to meet the needs of learners while providing challenging activities in the context of real life situations
- Are aware of community issues and take part in activities to better their community
- Acquire basic skills in obtaining information, thinking critically, solving problems and communicating effectively
- Develop intellectual curiosity and the ability to access information as needed
- Become reflective learners who have an understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses
- Develop the aptitudes and skills to adjust to a changing world and an unpredictable future
- Are lifetime learners who value and accept learning as a continuing and dynamic process affecting all aspects
 of life
- Value the integrity of all individuals and recognize their own ability to progress academically, socially, and emotionally

Our Vision

The students of the Somers Point School District will demonstrate personal growth over time in relation to individualized goals aligned to the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards. Achievement is evident when students:

- Take academic risks
- Transfer or extend content area knowledge
- Are intrinsically motivated life-long learners
- Are global learners who collaborate beyond the confines of the classroom or school
- Demonstrate social growth
- Are meta-cognitive thinkers
- Solve real-world problems

To foster student achievement Somers Point Educators:

- Promote student-centered learning
- Explicitly communicate the purpose of the lesson and how it fits into students' broader learning
- Provide hands-on learning activities
- Encourage collaboration
- Cultivate a safe environment and a strong classroom community
- Differentiate instruction
- Know the content area, curriculum, and their students
- Integrate technology
- Uncover and capitalize on student interests
- Use assessment data to make instructional decisions
- Commit to life-long learning to improve their practice

INTRODUCTION, PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION, AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Philosophy

Somers Point's balanced literacy program provides students with literacy instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Beginning in pre-school, students gain skills that are the foundation for later reading and writing. Using the Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA2) data, the needs of individual students are met at their reading level in guided reading, strategy groups, and through conferring with students. Teachers in the upper grades provide students the opportunity to use their literacy skills through project-based learning activities that enable students to work collaboratively on real world issues using technology. The district uses Writer's Workshop, an interdisciplinary writing program, to build students fluency in writing through continuous repeated exposure to the process of writing.

Educational Goals & Beliefs

Students are unique and reflect a wide range of diversity.

- Therefore, a variety of instructional strategies and resources will be used to reflect and respect a wide range of diversity.

All students will become empowered by developing their literacy abilities to their fullest potential.

- Therefore, the skills of literacy will be taught in meaningful ways, using research-based instructional strategies that aligned to the learning needs of the individual student.

Students learn best through a variety of language experiences that actively engage them in the acquisition of both basic and higher level thinking skills.

- Therefore, curriculum needs to be presented in an integrated format, which utilizes a balanced literacy approach.

Learning is best enhanced when assessment informs and drives instruction.

- Therefore, assessment will be systematic and closely linked to instruction in order to facilitate sound instructional decisions for each student.

Becoming literate is dependent upon strong links among home, school, and the community.

- Therefore, the various roles of home, school, and community will be highlighted through effective communication and reinforcement of partnerships.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

A note about English Language Arts Standards:

Reading

- The standards establish a "staircase" of increasing complexity in what students must be able to read so that all students are ready for the demands of college- and career-level reading no later than the end of high school. The standards also require the progressive development of reading comprehension so that students advancing through the grades are able to gain more from whatever they read.
- Through reading a diverse array of classic and contemporary literature as well as challenging informational texts in a range of subjects, students are expected to build knowledge, gain insights, explore possibilities, and broaden their perspective. Because the standards are building blocks for successful classrooms, but recognize that teachers, school districts and states need to decide on appropriate curriculum, they intentionally do not offer a reading list. Instead, they offer numerous sample texts to help teachers prepare for the school year and allow parents and students to know what to expect at the beginning of the year.
- The standards mandate certain critical types of content for all students, including classic myths and stories from around the world, foundational U.S. documents, seminal works of American literature, and the writings of Shakespeare. The standards appropriately defer the many remaining decisions about what and how to teach to states, districts, and schools.

Writing

- The ability to write logical arguments based on substantive claims, sound reasoning, and relevant evidence is a cornerstone of the writing standards, with opinion writing—a basic form of argument—extending down into the earliest grades.
- Research—both short, focused projects (such as those commonly required in the workplace) and longer term in depth research—is emphasized throughout the standards but most prominently in the writing strand since a written analysis and presentation of findings is so often critical.
- Annotated samples of student writing accompany the standards and help establish adequate performance levels in writing arguments, informational/explanatory texts, and narratives in the various grades.

Speaking and Listening

- The standards require that students gain, evaluate, and present increasingly complex information, ideas, and evidence through listening and speaking as well as through media.
- An important focus of the speaking and listening standards is academic discussion in one-on-one, small-group, and whole-class settings. Formal presentations are one important way such talk occurs, but so is the more informal discussion that takes place as students collaborate to answer questions, build understanding, and solve problems.

Language

• The standards expect that students will grow their vocabularies through a mix of conversations, direct instruction, and reading. The standards will help students determine word meanings, appreciate the nuances of words, and steadily expand their repertoire of words and phrases.

- The standards help prepare students for real life experience at college and in 21st century careers. The standards recognize that students must be able to use formal English in their writing and speaking but that they must also be able to make informed, skillful choices among the many ways to express themselves through language.
- Vocabulary and conventions are treated in their own strand not because skills in these areas should be handled in isolation but because their use extends across reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Media and Technology

• Just as media and technology are integrated in school and life in the twenty-first century, skills related to media use (both critical analysis and production of media) are integrated throughout the standards.

For more information: http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2016/ela/

Big Idea: Taking Charge of Reading, Tackling Trouble, Assessment Based Small Group Work Marking Period 1 -- Reading

Enduring	Essential	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Understandings	Questions			

Readers train themselves to read a lot and for longer periods of time.

Readers self reflect and use partner talk to help them understand the story.

Readers tackle tricky parts of words to help them understand.

Readers use illustrations to help them understand the text.

Vocabulary:

prediction, context clues, chunking, fluency, Just right book, Turn and talk Why is reading important? Why is it important to be a strong and independent reader?

Why do authors write fiction books?
Why do I talk with my partner when I am finished reading or when I come to a tricky part?

Why are goals important? How can I become a strong, independent reader?

How can I push myself to set and meet goals?

How can I recognize when something doesn't make sense, using what I know to problem-solve?

How can my partner and I work together to set reading goals?

SE, ELL,BSI, GT Mods:

Leveled Readers Flexible Grouping

Visual Cueing Minimize the amount of text on a page Spell and decode 2nd Grade words

Recognize and read grade-appropriate words

Read with accuracy and fluency

Use context clues

Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when, why and how

Use information gained from illustrations and words in print or digital text to demonstrate understanding

Participate in collaborative conversations

21st Century Skills

CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.

CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

- **RF.2.3**. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
- **RF.2.4.** Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
- **L.2.1**. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why* and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- RL.2.7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
- **SL.2.1a-c** Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about *grade 2 topics and texts* with peers and adults in small and large groups.
- L 2.3a Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

Required Benchmark Assessments:

Running records

Beginning of Year ELA Benchmark

Suggested Resources:

Leveled readers

Read Alouds:

Arthur

Frog and Toad

Doctor DeSoto

Amazing Grace

Wilson Sat Alone

Books from a Series: Henry and Mudge, Horrible Harry, Magic Tree House

Books with developed characters: When Sophie Gets Angry, Oliver Button Is A Sissy

Big Idea: Taking Charge of Reading, Tackling Trouble, Assessment Based Small Group Work Marking Period 1 -- Reading

Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Readers can use information gained from illustrations and words.	How do readers get to know their characters wants and troubles?	Demonstrate understanding of characters, setting or plot.	R.L. 2.7 Use information gained from illustrations and words in print or digital text to demonstrate	Required Benchmark Assessments: Bi-weekly
Readers can ask questions demonstrate understanding of a text.	How do readers think about character traits and feelings?	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. Ask and answer	understanding of its characters, setting or plot. R.L. 2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	comprehension quiz Running records
Readers will work with partners to discuss topics and texts.	How can I use my own experiences to connect and understand a character's problems and solutions?	such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how Participate in collaborative conversations	 R.L. 2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. S.L. 2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations 	Suggested Resources:
Readers will go back and reread	How do readers find deeper meanings in texts?	Ask and answer questions about what a speakers says	with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	Decodable Books Retelling Cards Venn Diagram
Vocabulary: Partner Read Compare Contrast Patterns Problem Solution Dialogue	How do I take turns when discussing texts? How do I participate appropriately in a group conversation? SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods: Small group instruction Levelled Readers Listen to audio Recordings Front Loading	Use language correctly when writing, speaking, reading, or listening Acknowledge differences in the points of view of the characters 21st Century Skills CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.	S.L. 2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speakers says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. L.2.3 Use knowledge of knowledge and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening R.L2.6 Acknowledge differences in the points of view of the characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud	Venn Diagram Chrysanthemum Fundations

Big Idea: Authors as Mentors & Writing and Revising Realistic Fiction

Writing - Marking Period 1

Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Skills/21st Century	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Writers have routines and procedures to follow in a workshop setting and with their writing partnerships. Writers think about a topic, rehearse it, sketch their ideas and then write as a strategy for their narrative writing. Writers need to edit their writing for capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Writers have various planning strategies for drafting our small moment writing. Writers have various ways we let our mentor author influence our own work to make our stories better. Writers have various revision strategies they can apply from other writing teachers in class.	What is Writer's Workshop? What are habits that good writers use when writing personal narratives? What are the routines, procedures, and expectations of writing workshop and working with our partnerships? How do writers rehearse and draft lots of stories under the influence of one mentor author? How do writers take the strategies of one mentor author and try their craft in their own writing? What are some powerful revision techniques writers use to revise?	Write a true story. Think of something that we do, get a picture in our mind, and draw the story of what we did on our paper. Then, we write that story! That is—we think, we draw, we write (Launching the Writing Workshop, p. 2). Writers keep working on writing for the whole time during writing workshop (Launching the Writing Workshop, p.13). We learn from a writer, we start by thinking, "How did this writer probably get the idea to write this story?" We put ourselves in the shoes of the author and look at them not only for what they have written, but for how they have written, but for how they have written it. Writers are influenced by the work of a mentor to see how the author makes his or her story as good as possible. By doing so, we can get new ideas for ways to make our stories even better. We read some of the mentor text, think about and notice what the author is	W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing. L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. L. 2.4a-e Determine or clarify the meaning of an unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.	Required Benchmark Assessments: Conferring notes Make a checklist using the "essential mini-lessons" for measurable skills. Student Writing Portfolio with revisions Professional Resources: Teachers College Writing Curricular Calendar, Second Grade, 2011-2012, Unit 1 Teachers College Writing Curricular Calendar, Second Grade, 2010-2011, Unit 1 The Art of Teaching Writing, by Lucy Calkins (Section 1) https://www.summit.k 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD MINISTRATION_my_ upload/common_core /new_upload/h_uploa d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf A Guide to the Writing Workshop, by Lucy Calkins Launching the Writing Workshop, by Lucy Calkins

https://www.summit.k doing, and then think about 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD how we could try that MINISTRATION my out in our own writing upload/common core /new upload/h uploa Writers study mentor d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf authors very carefully. We notice not only places of strong emotion, but the craft moves we see the writer doing W.2.3 and try them out for Write narratives in ourselves. which they recount a Writers get stronger well-elaborated event What is fiction? because we have or short sequence of many ways to revise Writers draw on Where do writers get events, include our writing. One way everything they know ideas for realistic details to describe of revising our work to write fiction stories. fiction? actions, thoughts, is to physically cut and feelings, use Planning writing is and move or delete temporal words to important to success. sections of our signal event order, How do writers booklets to change and provide a sense create an interesting our story around. of closure. story? Writers incorporate 21st Century W.2.5 details to help their Themes (as applies With guidance and reader take in the to content area): support from adults story with their Financial, Economic, and peers, focus on a senses. How do writers Business, and topic and strengthen choose a topic to Entrepreneurial writing as needed by write about? Literacy revising and editing. Writers write with a Civic Literacy purpose in mind. L.2.2 Health Literacy Demonstrate command of the How is the writing Writers use conventions of process helpful when experiences to Add standard English writing a realistic support their writing. adjectives using a capitalization, fiction? thesaurus. punctuation and spelling when writing. Build details to Writers use support topics. organizing strategies L. 2.4a-e and routines. Brainstorming/list Determine or clarify ideas to write about a Required the meaning of an SE, ELL, BSI, GT realistic event. **Benchmark** unknown and Mods.: Assessments: multiple-meaning Organize sketches words and phrases Small Group Vocabulary: and jottings to hold Picture Prompt based on grade 2 Instruction ideas. Senses reading and content, Student self-Adapted choosing flexibly from assessment with **Details** Checklist/Rubric an array of student rubric and Analyze story ideas strategies. editing checklist Draft Word Bank that will evoke Student artifacts emotions from Revise Scribing readers. (SP)

Edit	Effective Modeling	Create a plan for		
Publish	Actively engage	your story.		
	learners in their own	Formulate a draft.		Suggested
	learning	Revise your draft.		Resources:
	Help students organize information	Editing		TCRWP Units of Study
	(organizer, chart)	Create a published		Books (Narratives)
		piece. Collaborate with a		from an author of your choice such as:
		person on our piece. (SP)		Big Bushy Mustache
				Nate the Great
		21st Century		Henry and Mudge
		Themes (as applies to content area):		Revision tools
		CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.		Tiny topic notepads
				Strips/flaps
				Colored pencils
		CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation.		booklets
		Reflect critically on learning experiences.		
		Make judgements and decisions about their writing.		
		Think creatively using a wide range of creation techniques such as brainstorming.		

Big Idea: Characters Face Bigger Challenges -- and So Do Readers & Reading Nonfiction, Reading the World

Marking Period 2 -- Reading

Enduring	Essential	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Understandings	Questions			
Readers can get to know the characters wants and troubles by tracking them through our books.	How do readers get to know their characters wants and troubles?	Demonstrate understanding of characters, setting or plot.	R.L. 2.7 Use information gained from illustrations and words in print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting or plot.	Required Benchmark Assessments: Bi-weekly comprehension
Readers think about the character's traits and examples from the story to prove that a character is acting a certain way.	How do readers think about character traits and feelings?	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	R.L. 2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	quiz Running records
Readers can tell about a character's problem. Readers can describe	own experiences to connect and understand a character's problems and solutions?	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how	R.L. 2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key	Suggested Resources:
how a character responds to major events and challenges.	How do readers	Participate in collaborative conversations	details in a text.	Storytown Leveled Readers
Readers can compare and contrast characters from different stories.	find deeper meanings in texts? How do I take turns when discussing texts?	Ask and answer questions about what a speakers says	S.L. 2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	Decodable Books Retelling Cards Venn Diagram Chrysanthemum Fundations
Readers can ask questions demonstrate understanding of a text.	How do I participate appropriately in a group conversation?	Use language correctly when writing, speaking, reading, or listening Acknowledge differences in the	S.L. 2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speakers says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic	
Readers will work with partners to discuss topics and texts.	SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:	points of view of the characters	or issue.	
Vocabulary:	Small group instruction	21st Century Skills CRP2 Apply	L.2.3 Use knowledge of knowledge and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or	Required Benchmark Assessments:
Partner Read Compare	Levelled Readers	appropriate academic and technical skills.	listening	Cold and warm reading
Compare				Comprehension

Contrast	Listen to audio	CRP8 Utilize critical		quizzes
Patterns	Recordings	thinking to make	R.L2.6 Acknowledge	High frequency
	Front Loading	sense of problems and persevere in	differences in the points	word cloze activities and
Problem		solving them.	of view of the characters,	quizzes
Solution			including by speaking in a different voice for each	Mld-Year
Dialogue			character when reading dialogue aloud	Benchmark
Readers of nonfiction texts read in order to gain knowledge and understanding from the authors of those texts. There are many ways readers read nonfiction to become smarter about our world.	Why is reading nonfiction important? How do nonfiction readers read to become smarter about our world? How do nonfiction readers	Know and apply 2nd grade phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as	RF.2.3 Know and apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words to support comprehension. RF2.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and	Suggested Resources: Storytown Leveled Readers Decodable Books Retelling Cards Venn Diagram Nonfiction Social Studies and Science texts based on interests and 2nd grade skills
Readers do not just use text only to accumulate information, but they use pictures, ask questions, talk to their	accumulate information by seeing more than just the text on the page?	Determine the meaning of words and phrases	RI.2.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area	
partners, and use post-its.	How can all of the pictures and pages of	Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when, why and how	RL.2.1 Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when why	
Readers gain knowledge and become	nonfiction books teach me about a topic?	Describe the connection between a series of historical	and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text	
knowledgeable about a topic when reading nonfiction texts.	How do nonfiction readers tackle tricky words in their books?	events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures	R.I 2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in	
Readers use all their strategies for tricky words for fiction reading during their nonfiction reading; including figuring it out with our partner.	How do nonfiction readers read more than one book about a topic to compare and contrast?	Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information	technical procedures in a text. RI.2.5 Know and use various text features (eg. captions, bold print, subheadings, etc.) to locate key facts or information in a text	
There are ways readers read books across a topic to understand their	How can I read nonfiction books well enough that they turn me into	Explain how specific images contribute to clarify a text.	efficiently. RI2.7 Explain how specific images (eg a diagram) contribute to	

subject or compare and contrast. After reading nonfiction texts, that reader can teach that topic to others. Vocabulary: Nonfiction Text features	an expert on my topic? SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods: Small group instruction Independent work Leveled readers Use adapted and/or modified text	Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic. Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. Read and comprehend informational texts	clarify a text. RI2.9 Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. RI2.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2-3 complexity band	
nonfiction texts, that reader can teach that topic to others. Vocabulary:	Small group instruction Independent work Leveled readers Use adapted and/or modified	the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably. Read and comprehend	the same topic. RI2.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2-3	

Big Idea: Writing Gripping Stories with Meaning & Significance, Launching with Nonfiction-Expert Projects Informational Writing

Writing- Marking Period 2

Enduring	Essential Questions	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Understandings				
Writers set goals for their writing and have strategies to keep them writing long and strong.	How do fiction writers write with volume? How do we write a story that is gripping	Write a narrative -recount a well- elaborated event or short sequence of events	W2.3 Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to	Required Benchmark Assessment On demand writing Student self-check
Fiction writers create tension in their writing to keep their readers interested.	to our readers? How do writers revise to make their stories better?	-include details -use temporal words Describe actions, thoughts and feelings	describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.	rubric Suggested Resources: Smartboard
Writers use a variety of revision strategies to make their writing better. Writers develop critical thinking skills and strategies to build vocabulary, comprehend text	SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:	Use temporal words to signal event order and provide a sense of closure Strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing	W2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	Visual Graphic Organizer Assorted Paper Sample Work Writer's Companion Dictionary
comprehend text, and refine writing. Vocabulary: fiction jotting sketching tension visualize details lesson/moral elaborate dialogue revise edit Publish	Small Group Instruction Adapted Checklist/Rubric Word Bank Scribing Increased prompts or cues/graphic organizers Effective modelling	Beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action Use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing Demonstrate appropriate grammar and usage	RL.2.5: Describe the overall structure of a grade-appropriate story, including how the beginning introduces the story, middle (identify climax or problem), and the ending concludes the action. SL.2.4: Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in	https://www.summit.k 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD MINISTRATION_my_ upload/common_core /new_upload/h_uploa d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf
		Produce complete sentences	coherent sentences.	

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Writers gather information about		Use details and describing words	L2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English Grammar and usage when writing or speaking	
their topic through a variety of		21st Century Skills		
Ways. They need strategies		CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.	L2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of	
to revise for elaboration		CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation.	standard English capitalization/punctua tion.W.2.2: Write informative/explanato	
They can work with partners to get ideas for information that			ry texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and	
would be helpful			definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.	Required Benchmark Assessment
It is important in				On demand writing
informational writing to also use mentor				Student self-check rubric
texts to emulate an author's	What are ways to present all that I		W.2.5: With guidance	Tublic
ideas or approach.	know about a topic?		and support from adults and peers,	
		Scientists record as much information as	focus on a topic and strengthen	
They grow knowledge by	How do I become an	we can while we are	writing as needed by	Suggested Resources:
thinking like	expert in my area of study?	observing and studying our topics.	revising and editing.	Smartboard
scientists.	What kinds of writing	Draw detailed precise	RI.2.1: Ask and answer such	Visual Graphic Organizer
Vocabulary: write	can be included in my presentation on	illustrations and label	questions as who, what, where, when,	Assorted Paper
demonstrate read	one topic?	using precise vocabulary.	why, and how to demonstrate	Sample Work
speak listen			understanding of key details in a text.	Writer's Companion
engage		Add captions to		Dictionary
develop plan editing		explain our work.	RI.2.7: Explain how specific images (e.g.,	https://www.summit.k 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD MINISTRATION_my_
revising proofreading feedback organize		Scientists can use specific tools to help us write and collect information.	a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.	upload/common_core /new_upload/h_uploa d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf
		Use book talk charts to grow different kinds of ideas in	SL.2.1: Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners	

science. Get iideas for our writing from the chart and use the prompt to lead us to an idea. We record and grow ideas about our topics and we can also create questions that we want to pursue.	about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	
21st Century Skills: Creativity and Innovation Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Communication and Collaboration Information Literacy Media Literacy Life and Career Skills		

Big Idea: Series Reading and Cross-Genre Reading Clubs & Non-Fiction Reading Clubs

Reading - Marking Period 3

Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
There are many things to notice while reading our series books and they are often marked with a	How do readers figure out how a series goes, noticing patterns	Describe the characters in a story	R.L. 2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	Required Benchmark Assessments: Warm and cold
post-it. Readers wonder about	and predicting what will happen?	Describe the overall structure of a story	R.L.2.5. Describe the overall structure of a story,	comprehension quizzes Warm and cold
new topics while reading series books and use many ways to research or	How does reading within a	Read and	including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending	fluency reads High frequency
find information about those topics.	book series help readers comprehend	comprehend literature	concludes the action.	words cloze activities
Readers talk and share ideas in their clubs about	more deeply?	Spell 2nd Grade words	R.L.2.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories	
their series books to push their thinking.	How do readers grow smart ideas across	Read with accuracy and	and poetry, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding	Suggested
Readers will notice patterns within a series	different series?	fluency	as needed at the high end of the range.	Resources:
that will help them connect words and themes across different	How does reading within a book series help	Acknowledge differences in the points of view of	R.F.2.3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and	Leveled Readers Decodable Books
books from that series. Readers can be	readers read with more fluency?	characters	word analysis skills in decoding words.	Retelling Cards
surprised now and then on how their story ends or their characters	indentey:	Recount or describe key ideas or details.	R.F.2.4. Read with	Venn Diagram
behave because stories are not always predictable.	How can readers develop	Ask and answer questions about	sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	
Readers talk and share ideas in groups about	strategies to get them ready for book discussions with	what a speaker says	R.L. 2.6. Acknowledge differences in the points of	
their series to push their thinking.	their classmates?	Use appropriate 2nd Grade language	view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading a	
	What patterns or big ideas are discovered for	21st Century	dialogue aloud.	
Vocabulary:	readers when reading across a	Skills	S.L.2.2. Recount or describe key ideas or	
Prediction	book series?	CRP2 Apply appropriate	details from a text read- aloud or information	

Series		academic and	presented orally or through	
Graphic organizer		technical skills.	other media.	
Patterns	SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:	CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of	S.L.2.3. Ask and answer	
Critique	Flexible Group Instruction	problems and persevere in solving them.	questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension,	
	Independent work		gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or	
Readers come to nonfiction book clubs	Leveled readers Extended Time		issue.	
prepared to talk about their topics. One way we can do this is to really listen to the text.	Assign a peer buddy Tests read by teacher		L.2.6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and	
Readers read with explaining voicesnonfiction readers, actually explain the text to themselves, pausing	Audio Tapes		responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe(e.g. When other kids are happy that makes me happy).	Required Benchmark Assessments:
after a few words to explain whatever they've				Running records
read, using our own				Anecdotal Notes
words.				Conferencing
Readers come to our clubs prepared to talk about the main ideas of our topic.	How do nonfiction readers become stronger thinkers with their clubs?	Identify the main topic of a paragraph		
Club members don't just 'read' their information to each other. They explain and discuss it. Careful nonfiction	How do readers have their own ideas about a topic and not just what a text	Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific		Suggested Resources:
readers always try to put what we've read into their	has taught us?	ideas or concepts, or steps in		Non-fiction book baskets
own words.	How do	technical procedures		Venn Diagram
Vocabulary:	nonfiction clubs compare and	Determine the		Levelled readers
compare	contrast	meaning of words and phrases	RI2.2 Identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph	Internet
contrast	information about their	Identify the main	text as well as the focus of	Mentor Texts (ex. Texts from
main idea	topics?	purpose of a text	specific paragraphs within the text.	science kits, Gail
non-fiction text features		Describe how	RI2.3 Describe the	Gibbons, Seymour Simon)
topic		reasons support	connection between a series of historical events,	,

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science language or	specific points the	scientific ideas or concepts,	
expert words	author makes	or steps in technical	
turn and talk	Compare and	procedures in a text.	
	contrast two texts	RI2.4 Determine the	
	on the same topic.	meaning of words and	
		phrases in a text relevant to	
		a grade 2 topic or subject	
	Read at a second	area.	
	grade level with		
	help if needed	RI2.6 Identify the main	
		purpose of a text, including	
		what the author wants to answer, explain, or	
	21st Century Skills	describe.	
	SKIIIS	december.	
	CRP2 Apply	RI2.8 Describe how	
	appropriate	reasons support specific	
	academic and	points the author makes in	
	technical skills.	a text.	
	CRP7 Employ	PI2 0 Compare and	
	valid and reliable	RI2.9 Compare and contrast the most important	
	research	points presented by two	
	strategies.	texts on the same topic.	
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		RI2.10 By the end of year,	
		read and comprehend	
		informational texts,	
		including history/social studies, science, and	
		technical texts, in the	
		grades 2–3 text complexity	
		band proficiently, with	
		scaffolding as needed at	
		the high end of the range.	

Big Idea: Opinion Writing / Persuasive Review & Using Non-fiction Texts as Mentors to Support Non-Fiction Writing

Writing - Marking Period 3

Enduring	Essential Questions	Skills/21st Century	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Understandings				
There are issues in	How do writers share	Write an opinion	W.2.1. Write opinion	Required
our lives that we have opinions about	their ideas with others?	piece	pieces in which they introduce the topic or	Benchmark
		-use an introduction	book they are writing	Final draft/published
		-state an opinion	about, state an opinion, supply	piece
There are many ways to persuade our	How do writers persuade their	-supply reasons to	reasons that support	Student self- assessment with
audience	audience?	support the opinion	the opinion, use	student rubric and
		-use linking words	linking words (e.g., because, and, also)	editing checklist
Writers write letters	How is the writing	-provide a concluding	to connect opinion	Student artifacts
or make speeches to	process helpful when	statement or section.	and reasons, and provide a concluding	
express their ideas	writing a persuasive piece?	Write	statement or section.	Suggested
	piece :	informative/explanato ry texts -introduce a		Resources:
Writers can write to		topic	W.2.2. Write	Anchor charts
persuade using supporting details	How do writers communicate their	-use facts and	informative/explanato	Revision tools
Supporting details	ideas in writing?	definitions -provide a concluding statement	ry texts in which they introduce a topic, use	Tiny topic notepads
Writers use	How do writers	or section.	facts and definitions	Persuasive articles
organizing strategies	choose a side to write about?		to develop points, and provide a	Dictionaries
and routines.		Use a variety of	concluding statement or section.	Bilingual dictionaries
		digital tools to	or section.	
Writers write with a		produce and publish writing.		Language learner and electronic
purpose in mind.			W.2.6. With guidance	translators
	SE, ELL, BSI, GT	Harris and Sala Oak	and support from adults, use a variety	Graphic Organizers
Vocabulary:	Mods:	Use appropriate 2nd Grade grammar	of digital tools to	
Persuade	Small Group Instruction	Produce complete	produce and publish writing including in	
Opinion		sentences	collaboration with	
Argument	Adapted Checklist/Rubric		peers.	
Brainstorm	Word Bank	21st Century Skills		
	Scribing	CRP4 Communicate	L.2.1 Demonstrate	
Draft	Ochbing	clearly and effectively	command of the conventions of	
Revise		and with reason.	standard English	
Edit		CRP6 Demonstrate	grammar and usage when writing or	Required
Publish	How can I use	creativity and innovation.	speaking.	Benchmark
	everything I know from studying how			Final draft/published
Academic/information	other authors write		S.L.2.6 Produce	piece
al writing serves one	informational books		complete sentences	

of three purposes:
o To increase a
reader's knowledge
of a subject,
o To help a reader
better understand a
procedure or
process, or
o To provide a reader
with an enhanced
comprehension of a
concept.

- A topic must be supported using relevant facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples, including personal experiences.
- Writing is never "done" and can always be improved. It is a recursive process, so writers can move from stage to stage, either forward or backward.

VOCABULARY

Preface, Appendix, Table of Contents, Headings and subheadings, Captions, Focus, Compare and contrast, Similarities and differences, expertise, artifacts to learn to write informational books that are well organized and informative and lively?

How can I bring the important information I already know about a topic and also information I learn by studying my topic into my writing so not only my reader learns a lot, but I do, too?

SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:

Small Group Instruction

Adapted Checklist/Rubric

Word Bank

Scribing

When asked to produce an informational or —all about or —teaching text, the writer appears to choose a topic he or she knows and also cares about, and to approach the task intending to teach important and/or interesting information, ideas, and opinions about the topic.

The writer seems to use page divisions (or something similar) as a way to divide his or her larger topic into subtopics, with each subtopic addressed in a different chapter/page/part

The writer sometimes links bits of elaboration (facts, examples, descriptions) with simple transition words such as: also, and, but, or then.

The writer writes an introductory sentence or two. It probably seems that the writer is using this introductory part of the text to hook the reader, often raising a question, sharing an especially interesting fact, or speaking directly to the reader.

when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

L.2.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

W.2.2 Write informative/explanato ry texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.

W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing

W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).

L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Student selfassessment with student rubric and editing checklist

Student artifacts

Suggested Resources:

Anchor charts

Revision tools

Tiny topic notepads

Persuasive articles

Dictionaries

Bilingual dictionaries

Language learner and electronic translators

Graphic Organizers

Books: Just right books, mentor texts, short informational texts

Text: Earthworms by Claire Llewellyn

Text: Bugs! Bugs!
Bugs! by Jennifer
Dussling Text:
Surprising Sharks by
Nicola
Davie Website:
infoquest.com Websi
te:
billnye.com Website:
scholastic.com/magic
schoolbus

https://www.summit.k 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD MINISTRATION_my_ upload/common_core /new_upload/h_uploa d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf The writer includes an ending sentence or two. This ending probably conveys an effort to wrap up or to connect with readers.

The writer is apt to incorporate a few nonfiction features into his or her text such as a Table of Contents or headings, captions, labeled drawings, or a glossary

The writer includes details (perhaps only in the picture) that seem to be included so as to help readers picture the topic or understand the subject, or to answer their questions. There may be evidence that the writer also attempts to engage readers by using a conversational tone and authorial asides.

The writer has included relevant information drawn from outside sources such as books, visits, discussions, or media. This includes domain-specific vocabulary. This information is often undigested.

21st Century Skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation. L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing.

S.L.2.2Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

S.L.2.6Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

Big Idea: Reading and Role Playing: Fictions, Folktales, and Fairy Tales & Poetry

Reading - 4th Marking Period

Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Readers step into the characters' shoes thinking as we read. Readers think about what's happening to the character and how the character feels to match their voices to the story	How do readers become actors too? How do readers direct themselves and club mates? How do readers get to know their characters better?	Describe the overall structure of a story Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of a story	RF2.4 a-c Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. RL2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	Required Benchmark Assessments: Warm and Cold comprehension checks Fluency passages
Readers can	How do readers	Participate in collaborative conversations with	RL.2.2 Recount stories, including fables and folktales	Suggested Resources: Leveled readers
differentiate between when the narrator is speaking and when the character is speaking.	recognize the morals, lessons, and author's purpose that stories convey?	diverse partners Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis	from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. RL2.3 Describe	Read Alouds: Cinderella, Little Mermaid, Goldilocks, Jack and the
Readers know that they have to change their voices not only when they are a character, but also when they are the narrator.	How can readers live our lives differently because of what we and the characters have learned? How can my reading	skills in decoding words. Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable	how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. RL2.6 Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a	Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinder Edna, Cinder-Elly, Prince Cinders, I Love My New Toy, The Paper Bag Princess, Mirror Mirror, Fables by
There are many ways readers get to know their characters better- we discover predictable roles they play: understanding	club work together to consider the lessons characters learn and to compare how different authors explore similar morals in sometimes very different ways?	words. Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams.	different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. RL2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to	Arnold Lobel, Sleeping Beauty, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, Little Bill Books Required
the villain, hero, and everyone in between. Characters in books,	How can readers learn lessons or the moral of a tale or story?	Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels. q Decode	demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. RL2.9 Compare	Benchmark Assessments: Warm and Cold comprehension checks
like people in real life, don't act one way all of the time. Characters change.	SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods: Small Group Instruction	words with common prefixes and suffixes	and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by	Fluency passages Suggested Resources:
Readers do this by asking "Does this part go along with	Independent Work	Decode two-syllable words following basic Identify words with	different authors or from different cultures.	Leveled readers

what I think about my character?"

As readers these tales are often written to convey morals or teach a lesson.

Readers learn lessons from the books they read. One way they can do this is by noticing a character's trouble and avoiding that trouble in their own lives or taking note of how the character is successful and using it to guide their own behavior."

Vocabulary

Fairy Tales, fables, folk tale, modern stories, characters, feelings, traits, nuances, theories, patterns of behavior, compare and contrast, expression, enthusiasm, roles, visualize, narrator, director, actor, evidence, critique, dramatize, analyze, villain, hero, side kick, wise adviser, trickster, moral, lesson, connection

Readers understand that authors have a unique form.

Readers can describe characteristics of various forms of poetry.

Students can provide evidence from the poem to support their understanding. Leveled Readers

How do readers observe and understand an author's style?

How do readers determine the type of poetry?

How do I use words and phrases to gain meaning?

How do authors use different print to raise questions and influence our thinking?

How do readers construct meaning as they are reading?

How can I recognize when something doesn't make sense, using what I know to problem-solve?

SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:

Small Group Instruction

Independent Work

Leveled Readers

Read to student

Use enrichment clusters

inconsistent but common spellingsound correspondences.

Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

21st Century Skills:

Creativity and
Innovation Critical
Thinking and
Problem Solving
Communication and
Collaboration
Information Literacy
Media Literacy Life
and Career Skills

Describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem or song.

Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding

Read and comprehend literature at a 2nd Grade level with help if needed

Spell and decode 2nd Grade words RL2.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

R.L.2.4 Describe how words and phrases (e.g. regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem or song.

R.L. 2.7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting or plot.

R.L.2.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grade 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

R.F. 2.3a-f Know and apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

Read Alouds:

Shel Silverstein

Robert Louis Stevenson

Jack Prelutsky

Shared Reading:

Doodle Dandies, Poems That Take Shape

Reading A-Z

Poems/Songs

Taped poems

Vocabulary files

Readers can identify		
language that creates	21st Century Skills	
a picture in your		
mind.	CRP2 Apply	
Readers use	appropriate academic and technical skills.	
phrasing and/or rhythm to		
comprehend poetry.	CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make	
	sense of problems	
	and persevere in	
Vocabulary:	solving them.	
Alliteration		
Rhythm/rhyme/beats		
phrasing		
Haiku		
Diamante		
Cinquain		
prediction		
context clues		
Chunking		
fluency		
Turn and talk		

Big Idea: Writing Adaptations of Familiar Fairy Tales and Folk Tales & Powerful Thoughts in Tiny Packages

Writing - Marking Period 4

Enduring	Essential	Skills	CCSS Standards	Assessments
Understandings	Questions			
As writers many	What are the	Writers read many different adaptations of	W2.3 Write narratives	
adaptations can be written for a fairy tale as they reread and	reoccurring elements of a fariytale?	fairy tales and we notice that each author has	in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short	Required Benchmark
think about the text r there are many common elements	NA/Is at any loon	given the story their own spin. Some authors changed the	sequence of events, include details to describe actions,	Final draft/published piece
that occur over various fairy tales	What are key elements of fairy tales writers us as they revise and elaborate	characters—turning girls to boys or people to animals. Others have changed the setting—	thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order,	Student self- assessment with student rubric and editing checklist
As writers they need lift the level of their writing by carefully revising and	their writing?	moving the story from a kingdom far away to the middle of a big city.	and provide a sense of closure.	Student artifacts
elaborating their story to create tension, convey meaning and	SE, ELL, BSI, GT Mods:	Writers think, 'What would I like to change?'	W2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety	
consider different possibilities.	Small Group Instruction	and 'How will the change affect all the parts of my story?'	of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in	
As writers reading	Adapted Checklist/Rubric		collaboration with peers.	Suggested Resources:
fairy tales they can begin to craft their	Word Bank	Writers plan out their stories, either in a booklet		Anchor charts
own version using some of the same	Scribing	or storyboard.	L2.1 Demonstrate command of the	Revision tools
elements their mentor authors used.	Increased prompts or		conventions of	Persuasive articles
mentor authors useu.	cues/graphic	Writers revise their plans or plan another	standard English Grammar and usage	Modified textbooks
	organizers Effective	adaptation, then another, playing with different	when writing or speaking	Highlight text/materials
Vocabulary:	modelling	ideas before we get started in writing.		https://www.summit.k 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD
Informative	How do writers write with		L2.2 Demonstrate command of the	MINISTRATION_my_
Factual	precision and description?	As we revise our plans,	conventions of standard English	upload/common_core /new_upload/h_uploa
Nonfiction	SE, ELL, BSI, GT	we think 'Where exactly will my story begin?' and	capitalization/punctua	d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf
Brainstorm	Mods: Small Group	'What will my character be saying and doing?' so	tion.	Required Benchmark
Draft	Instruction	that we can begin our stories close to the main	W2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they	Final draft/published
Revise	Adapted Checklist/Rubric	action.	introduce the topic or book they are writing	piece
Task Card/ Rubric Edit	Word Bank Scribing		about, state an opinion, supply	Student self- assessment with
Euit	Increased		reasons that support	

student rubric and Publish prompts or Writers need to use the opinion, use cues/graphic linking words, editing checklist everything they know Unit: organizers from small moments and (because, and, also), Student artifacts Effective realistic fiction, including to connect opinion **Powerful Thoughts** modelling to show-not-tell as well and reasons, and in Tiny Packages Suggested provide a concluding write our story. Resources: statement or section. Anchor charts Writers use all they W2.3 Write narratives Writers use action. know about writing to in which they recount Revision tools dialogue and internal write poems. a well-elaborated thoughts. Persuasive articles event or short sequence of events, Modified textbooks include details to Writers use precise Highlight Writers notice the things describe actions, words, phrases, and text/materials that fairytale authors do thoughts, and line breaks to create and pay close attention to feelings, use images in poems https://www.summit.k the language they use to temporal words to 12.nj.us/uploaded/AD Vocabulary: write. signal event order, MINISTRATION_my_ and provide a sense upload/common core poetry of closure. /new_upload/h_uploa craft Writers notice how the d/Gr_2_Writing.pdf W2.6 With guidance stories often begin with structure and support from "Once upon a time..." adults, use a variety and when another scene reading-writing of digital tools to begins, authors use connections produce and publish words like "But then one writing, including in line breaks day" or "Not long after collaboration with that..." Tone peers. rhythm L2.1 Demonstrate Writers revise, comparisons command of the remembering to stretch conventions of out the problem and build brainstorm standard English tension-use lots of Grammar and usage draft action, dialogue and when writing or show-not-tell to keep the revise speaking reader nervous and on the edge of her seat. task Card/ Rubric L2.2 Demonstrate command of the 21st Century Skills edit conventions of **CRP4** Communicate publish standard English clearly and effectively capitalization/punctua and with reason. tion. CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation. When writing Small Moments we turned these moments into stories, as poets, we can turn these moments into poems. We can get ideas is to look back at our

Tiny Topic notepads and

see if any of our ideas for stories can be turned into poems. Poets get ideas for the topics of their poems by looking at ordinary things in the world and see them in different, fresh and unusual ways (Poetry: Powerful Thoughts in Tiny Packages, pg. 1) .We can do this too. Writers sometimes find the ingredients for our poems by listing what that meaningful something looks like, feels like, sounds like, smells like, or tastes like When poets write, they read and reread their poems until they sound just right. They pay attention to what the words are saying and make their voices match the feelings behind the words. If they need to, they fix up the words, taking some words out, adding other words in, changing parts so that the words sound just right. (Poetry: Powerful Thoughts in Tiny Packages, pg. 21) 21st Century Skills

CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation.