

Writing Workshop



The units of primary writing allow teachers to foster and cultivate student authors in a writing workshop framework within their classrooms. [Lucy Calkin's](#) writing workshop units on narrative, opinion and information writing are aligned with the Common Core State Standards and require the rigorous writing and increased stamina of students embedded in these new learning standards. This writing series emphasizes genre studies, mentor texts, conferring, and explicit writing instruction through whole group, active engagement, and strategy groups. Writing workshop is responsive to individual student learning pathways. This writing series has been developed from the work of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.

Writing workshop teaches students that their lives and the stories of their lives matter. This instructional approach to teaching writing helps students understand that writing is a craft and that it happens everyday so that seed ideas can be developed and cultivated.

Elements of Writing Workshop:

- *Student choice in writing topics
- *Active Engagement
- *Writing Partners
- *Student Share
- *Minilesson
- *Independent Writing Time
- *One-on-one and/or small group conferring
- *Mid lesson teaching point

Click on this link to hear Lucy Calkins describe the power of minilessons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOeJIxGwpY8>

For more information on the units of study for writing workshop:

<http://www.unitsofstudy.com/writing-grade-by-grade/default.asp>