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Common Core

State Standards

Resource Packet

**Kindergarten**

**Informational Writing**

**Unit 8**

**7/31/13**

**Writing Unit of Study**

**Kindergarten - Informational Writing: Personal Expertise, Unit 8**

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**Mentor Texts –** Informational Writing: Personal Expertise

**Criteria:**

* **Guiding questions** fromA Quick Guide to Teaching Informational Writing, Grade 2 by Marika Paez Wiesen (2012, Heinemann).

1. Does the topic of at least one of my mentor texts show how a writer can teach about a topic of personal expertise? (e.g., *A Day at Gymnastics*, or *Baseball*)
2. Does the book use an “I” teaching voice rather than an authoritative, third-person teaching voice?
3. Is the text organized in a straightforward way, as in topics and subtopics?
4. Is the syntax of the text simple enough that a child might listen to the text and think, “I could write a text like that”?

* **Structural features:** title, table of contents, headings/subheadings
* **Text features** – includes a number of items:bold print, chart, caption, diagrams/illustrations, pictures, labels, etc.
* **Variety of ways information is included:** facts, domain-specific vocabulary, etc.
* **For more information, see individual lessons and mentor text analysis chart in resource materials packet**

***This is a suggested list to consider when collecting possible mentor text. Please review books you have***

***available that also meet the criteria. Replace or add to the list.***

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| **Literature – Trade Book Suggestions** | | |
| **Title** | **Author** | **Notes to Teacher** |
|  |  | Contact Marlene Malkin for more ordering info- mmedubooks@aol.com |
| All About Honeybees | Michele Dufresne (Pioneer Valley Press) | Session 12 – or other similar book with a  number of text features- this is a teaching  text |
| The Reading Safari  Encyclofact | Mondo Publishing |  |
| Dolphins | Mondo Publishing |  |
| Bears | Tracey Crawford (Acorn Books) |  |
| Fish | Tracey Crawford (Acorn Books) |  |
| Frogs | Tracey Crawford (Acorn Books) |  |
| Fruits | Charlotte Guillian (Acorn Books) |  |
| Tigers | Joann Early Macken (Weekly Reader Publishing) |  |
| Squirrels | Emily Rose Townsend (Pebble Books) |  |
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**Mentor Texts, Continued**

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| **Common Core Code: CC** | | |
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| **Reading and Writing Project at Teachers College**  (www.readingandwritingproject.com) **Code: TC** | | |
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**Mentor Text Analysis for Informational Books: Personal Expertise Grades K-2\***

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| **Title, Year, Publisher** | **Author** | **Structure and Text Features** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Topic of personal expertise | Uses “I” teaching voice | Structure = topics and subtopics | Syntax simple for young wr- I Can Write Like That | Type of Title | Type of Lead | Type of Conclusion | Facts using names, #s, sizes, or senses | Story Included | Domain-specific voc – defined text, bold, box | Exclamations & Wonderings | Phrases specific to nonfiction text | Page layout - descriptive | Page layout- Q & A | Page layout - facts | Page layout – How To | Page layout - list | Page layout – Diff kinds of something | Page layout - |  |
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| Blurb | Bold print | Caption | Chart | Comparison | Cutaway | Diagram, Illustration, Picture | Fact Box | Glossary | Graph | Headings | Index | Labels | Maps | Parentheses | Photograph | Pronunciation Key | Subheadings | Table of contents | Table | Timeline |  |  |
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**Tiny Topics Notebook**



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**Kindergarten Informational Unit Editing Checklist**

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|  | word wall words |  |
|  | all the sounds in words |  |
|  | end punctuation |  |
|  | capitals at the front of sentences | The cat is black. |

**Optional Assessment/Conferring Tool *– Kindergarten Unit 8:* Personal Expertise Class Profile of Teaching and Learning**

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| **Student Names** | Writers think about  expert topics | Writers decide if they  know enough about  their topic | When you’re done,  you’ve just begun! | Writers add more  pictures to teach | Plan how their  books are organized | Sorts information into  categories | Revises grouping  info in an organized  way  in an organized way | Writers decide if they  know enough facts to  support their topic(s) | Reread and revise  asking, what else  can I add? | Reread and revise  based on questions. | Use mentors to revise  qualifying words | Study mentor texts to  get ideas for text  features | Carefully chooses  text features | Adds reactions  and thoughts | Adds comparisons | Choose their best  piece and revise  it more |
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**Assessment Options – Kindergarten, Informational Writing**

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**Kindergarten–Informational Writing, Personal Expertise Unit Proficiency Checklist**

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Proficiency checklists guide teachers on what to provide instruction and additional assistance on during

the unit, as well as beyond the unit. See Proficiency Guidelines in the K-2 Writing Assessment Package

for additional information.



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| **What are this writer’s strengths?** | **What are the next teaching points for this**  **writer?** |

**Approaching Proficiency with Informational Writing, Personal Expertise**

* Does not yet meet requirements for Proficient

**Proficient (Meets Standards) with Informational Writing, Personal Expertise**

**Proficient students must meet all bold and 2 of 3 un-bolded proficient criteria**

* (P) Demonstrates knowledge of workshop routines (productive entire workshop, partnerships, etc.) (Session 1-20 )
* **(T) Selects meaningful topic (Session 1, 2)**
* **(T) Supports the topic with evidence/information (Session 8, 9, 10, 11)**
* (T) Organizes evidence/information by categories (Session 5, 6, 7)
* **(T) Includes at least 2 different elaboration strategies (may include: illustrations, qualifying words, reactions, thoughts, and comparison) (Sessions 4, 11, 14, 15)**
* **(P) Evidence of revision (Session 4, 7, 9, 10, 11** )
* (P) Edits to make writing readable for audience (Session 18)

See page 26 of the ELA CCSS document for all Kindergarten Language

**Exceeding Proficiency with Informational Writing, Personal Expertise**

**Students must meet all the Proficient and Exceeding Proficiency criteria**

* **(T) Includes a table of contents (Session 6)**
* **(T) Includes qualifying words (Session 11)**
* **(T) Includes 3 or more different elaboration strategies (illustrations, reactions, thoughts, comparisons, qualifying words) (Sessions 4, 11, 14, 15)**

**T**-Text Types and Purposes **R**-Research to Build and Present Knowledge **P**-Production and Distribution

of Writing **L**-Language

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**Each lesson has a share component. Modify based on students’ needs. The following are other share options.**

**Some Possibilities for Purposeful Use of the Share Time**

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| Name | Purpose | Method |
| Follow-Up on  Mini-Lesson | To reinforce and/or  clarify the teaching point | * Share an exemplar model (student or teacher) * Share a student who had difficulty and the way in which he/she solved the problem * Share the story of a conference from the independent work time * Provide another opportunity for active engagement * Provide a prompt to initiate student conversation, “Turn and tell your partner…” |
| Problem  Solving | To build community and  solve a problem |  |
| Review | * To recall previous strategies /prior learning * To build repertoire of strategies * To contextualize learning | Pose a “review” question to the class:  “Today we learned one revision  strategy. What other revision  strategies do you use?” These  strategies may be listed on a chart. |
| Looking Ahead  to Tomorrow | Introduce a new  teaching point – set-up  for the next mini-lesson |  |
| Celebratory | * Celebration of learning * Boost student morale * Promote membership in the “literacy club” | * Share the work of 2-3 students * Provide an opportunity for a whole class share: “You are all such amazing writers - you wrote so much today! Writers, hold up your open notebooks so that we can see all of the great work you have done.” |

Source: Teachers College Reading and Writing Project