

Unit 5: Personal Narrative (4 weeks)

To view the Grade K Personal Narrative Unit developed by the Literacy Design Team go to eChalk, My Groups, select Grade K ELA Resources

- Analyze student writing to assess whole class, small group and individualized needs.
- Have guided writing groups as a way to differentiate instruction.
- Have different types of paper available so students have paper choice for independent writing.
- Interactive writing and shared writing are essential daily balanced literacy components that allow teachers to demonstrate strategies repeatedly for planning, illustrating, and writing stories. Many teachers use interactive writing to teach strategies such as spacing between words, strategies for spelling words, ending punctuation, etc. Many teachers use shared writing to model the genre of writing being studied. Through shared writing the class can compose “mentor” stories that reflect the unit of study. (Teachers use chart paper for shared writing.) These mentor texts are referred to during writing workshop minilessons to model the day’s teaching point. Shared writing texts developed by the class are excellent because all students can be involved in the composing (students share ideas orally and teacher scribes) and also because they reflect the type of writing students will be expected to do. It is highly recommended that teachers use class shared writing texts in addition to published mentor texts to teach a unit of study.
- Refer to the District Conventions Continuum to determine appropriate convention objectives (punctuation, capitalization, syntax) to teach during the unit. Copies are available in the grade level literacy binders and on the district website [http://ww3.mamkschools.org/ela/Units\\_of\\_Study.html](http://ww3.mamkschools.org/ela/Units_of_Study.html).
- Students write daily so teachers may decide to clean out student writing folders at the end of each unit for management and organizational reasons.
- **To view Grade K archived artifacts for the unit please visit the Grade K reading/writing page. Select “Resources” from the top nav bar. To access the units of study website use the link [http://ww3.mamkschools.org/units\\_of\\_study/](http://ww3.mamkschools.org/units_of_study/).**
- Chart Chums is a great online resource for creating interactive, clear and visually rich anchor charts. To view use the link <http://chartchums.wordpress.com/>.
- Additional resources of sample anchor charts for reading and writing units of study include the following: <http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/classroom-charts/kindergarten>,