

Stratford Public Schools
2020 – 2021
K-8 ELA Sequence of Units

Kindergarten			
Month	Reading	Writing	Phonics
September	Read Aloud- Teacher Choice		Making Friends With Letters (Book 1)
Oct – Nov Celebration Date: Week of November 23	We Are Readers (Book 1)	Launching the Writing Workshop (Book 1, <i>Bends 1 & 2 plus Sessions 18 & 19</i>) <i>10 days and then move to:</i> Show and Tell From Labels to Pattern Book	Making Friends With Letters (Book 1) Word Scientists (Book 2)
Nov – Dec	Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power (Book 2)	Show and Tell From Labels to Pattern Books Celebrate Date: Week of December 14	Word Scientists (Book 2)
Jan – Feb Celebration Date: Week of February 22	Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power (Book 2)	Launching the Writing Workshop (Book 1, Bend III) leads into ... Writing for Readers (Book 2)	Word-Part Power (Book 3)
March	Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles (Book 3)	How-to-Books: Writing to Teach Others (Book 3)	Vowel Power (Book 4)
April – May Celebration Date: Week of April 5	Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles (Book 3) <i>*Begin April 20</i> Becoming Avid Readers (Book 4)	How-to- Books: Writing to Teach Others (Book 3)	Vowel Power (Book 4)
May – June Celebration Date: Week of June 7	Becoming Avid Readers (Book 4)	Persuasive Writing of All Kinds (Book 4)	Playing With Phonics (Book 5)

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Grade 1			
Month	Reading	Writing	Phonics
Sept – Oct Celebration date: Week of October 12	<i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i> Building Good Reading Habits (Book 1)	Writing How-to Books (If...Then)	Talking and Thinking About Letters (Book 1 Bend 1) Vowel Power (Kindergarten review)
Oct – Dec Celebration date: Week of December 14	 Bigger Books Bigger Reading Muscles (Kinder book 3)	Small Moments: Writing with Focus, Detail, and Dialogue (Book 1)	Talking and Thinking About Letters (Book 1 Bends 2 and 3) and The Mystery of the Silent e (Book 2)
Jan – Feb Celebration date: Week of Feb 8	Word Detectives	Writing Reviews (Book 3)	From Tip to Tail: Reading Across Words (Book 3)
Feb – March Celebration date: Week of March 29	Learning About the World: Reading Nonfiction (Book 2)	Nonfiction Chapter Books (Book 2)	Word Builders: Using Vowel Teams to Build Big Words (Book 4)
April – May	Readers Have Big Jobs to Do: Fluency, Phonics, and Comprehension (Book 3) Celebration date: Week of May 10	From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction (Book 4)	Marvelous Bloopers: Learning Through Wise Mistakes (Book 5)
May – June Celebration date: Week of June 7	Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons: A Study of Story Elements (Book 4)	From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction (Book 4)	Marvelous Bloopers: Learning Through Wise Mistakes (Book 5)

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Grade 2			
Month	Reading	Writing	Phonics
Sept – Nov Celebration date: Week of Nov 2	<i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i> Readers Have Big Jobs to Do (First Grade Book 3)	Small Moments (First Grade Book 1) Complete by Oct. 6 and Writing About Reading (Book 3)	Growing Into Second Grade Phonics (Book 1) and Word Builders (First Grade Book 4)
Nov - Dec Celebration date: Week of December 14	Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons (Grade 1 Book 4)	Writing About Reading (Book 3)	Marvelous Bloopers (First Grade Book 5) <i>Bend 1</i>
Jan - Feb Celebration date: By the Week of February 8	Becoming Experts: Reading Nonfiction (Book 2)	A How-To Guide to Nonfiction	Big Words Take Big Resolve: Tackling Multisyllabic Words (Book 2)
Feb - March Celebration date: By the Week of March 29	Bigger Books Mean Amping Up Reading Power (Book 3)	Poetry: Big Thoughts in Small Packages (Book 4)	Word Builders: Construction, Demolition and Vowel Power (Book 3)
April-May Celebration date: By the Week of May 10	Series Book Clubs (Book 4)	Writing Gripping Fictional Stories (If/Then)	Word Collectors (Book 4)
May – June Celebration date: Week of June 7	Second Grade Reading Growth Spurt (Book 1)	Lab Reports and Science Books (Book 2)	Phonics Mini-Units Fluency, Spelling, Parts of Speech (See online resources)

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Grade 3		
Month	Reading	Writing
Sept – Oct Celebration date: Week of Oct 12	<i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i> Building a Reading Life (Book 1) Phonics: Word Builders: Construction, Demolition and Vowel Power (Book 3)	Crafting True Stories (Book 1)
Oct – Nov	Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Ideas and Text Structures (Book 2) Phonics: Word Collectors (Book 4)	The Art of Information Writing (Book 2)
Nov – Dec Celebration date: By the week of Dec 14	Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Ideas and Text Structures (Book 2)	The Art of Information Writing (Book 2) <i>*On Demand Informational-Dec 10</i>
Jan – Feb Celebration date: By the week of Feb 15	Mystery: Foundational Skills in Disguise	Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials (Book 3) <i>*On Demand Opinion- Feb 11</i>
February – March Celebration date: By the week of March 29	Character Studies (Book 3)	Baby Literary Essays (<i>Curricular Calendar</i>) <i>Changes to Bends II and III to be more supportive</i> <i>*On Demand Narrative- March 25</i>
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June Celebration date: By the week of June 7	Research Clubs: Elephants, Penguins, and Frogs, Oh My! (Book 4)	Once Upon a Time: Adapting and Writing Fairy Tales (Book 4)

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Grade 4		
Month	Reading	Writing
Sept – Oct Celebration date: By the week of Oct 26	<i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i> Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story (Book 1)	The Arc of Story: Writing Realistic Fiction (Book 1) <i>*On Demand Narrative- Oct 23</i>
Nov – Dec Celebration date: By the week of Dec 14	Reading the Weather, Reading the World (Book 2)	Boxes and Bullets: Personal and Persuasive Essays (Book 2) <i>*On Demand Opinion- Dec 11</i>
Jan – Feb Celebration date: By the week of Feb 8	Detail and Synthesis: Close Reading of Fiction (Curricular Calendar)	The Literary Essay: Writing About Fiction (Book 4)
Feb – March Celebration date: By the week of March 29	Reading History: American Revolution (Book 3) <i>Begin the reading unit Feb 16- some teachers prefer to begin the reading unit for 1 week prior to the writing unit.</i>	Bringing History to Life (Book 3) <i>*On Demand Informational- March 26</i>
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June Celebration date: By the week of June 7	Historical Fiction Clubs (Book 4)	Graphic Novels: Writing in Pictures (Curricular Calendar)

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Grade 5		
Month	Reading	Writing
Sept – Oct Celebration date: By the week of Oct 26	<i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i> Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes (Book 1)	Narrative Craft (Book 1) User Guide- Read Aloud plan, Eleven. <i>*On Demand Narrative- Oct 23</i>
Nov – Dec Celebration date: By the week of Dec 14	Tackling Complexity: Moving Up Levels of Nonfiction (Book 2)	Journalism (Curricular Calendar) <i>Revisions to Bend II: Feature articles more supportive. Sample teacher demonstration writing and new mentor text suggestions.</i> <i>*On Demand Informational- Dec 11</i>
Jan – Feb. Celebration date: By the week of Feb 8 Begin SLSP Research	Argument and Advocacy: Researching Debatable Issues (Book 3) Link to a new Padlet to support teachers with resources.	The Research Based Argument Essay (Book 3) <i>*On Demand Opinion- Feb 5</i>
Feb – March Celebration date: By the week of March 29 Presentations of SLSP	Fantasy Book Clubs: The Magic of Themes and Symbols (Book 4)	Literary Essay: Opening Texts and Seeing More
April Presentations of SLSP	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June Presentations of SLSP Celebration date: By the week of June 7	Reading In the Content Area (Curricular Calendar)	The Lens of History: Research Reports (Book 2 and User Guide)

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Grade 6		
Month	Reading	Writing
September	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Begin the year with Read Alouds- Teachers Choice</i></p> <p>Maintaining an Independent Reading Life (Curricular Calendar)</p>	<p>Launching Writer’s Notebooks and Independent Writing (Curricular Calendar)</p>
Oct – Nov Celebration date: By the week of Nov 23	<p>A Deep Study of Character</p> <p>Assessments have been developed for this unit in the 6th Grade Data Calendar. Available on Treasure Chest.</p>	<p>Personal Narrative: Creating Powerful Life Stories (Book 1) <i>*On Demand Narrative- Nov 19</i></p>
Dec – Jan Celebration date: By the week of Jan 25	<p>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</p> <p>Assessments have been developed for this unit in the 6th Grade Data Calendar. Available on Treasure Chest.</p>	<p>Research-Based Information Writing: Books, Websites and Presentations (Book 3) PLUS A bend of Argument Writing</p> <p>In Bend III of the User’s Guide there are new Padlets that contain additional research text sets which include topics: social media, gender and sexuality, immigration, protest, the environment.</p> <p><i>*On Demand Informational- Jan 21</i></p>
Feb – March Celebration date: By the week of March 29	<p>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</p> <p>Assessments have been developed for this unit in the 6th Grade Data Calendar. Available on Treasure Chest.</p>	<p>The Literary Essay: From Character to Compare/Contrast (Book 2)</p> <p>Additional mini-lessons that feature the digital text “Supporting Act” that is an alternate for the session 1 essay boot camp.</p> <p><i>*On Demand Persuasive- March 25</i></p>
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June Celebration date: By the week of June 7	Fantasy Book Clubs	Graphic Novels- Curricular Calendar

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Grade 7		
Month	Writing	Reading
September	<u>Launching Writer’s Notebook</u> Complete by September 10	<u>Reading Launch</u> <u>Maintaining a Reading Life</u> Complete by the end of September
October – November	<u>Writing About Reading Book 2</u> (Informational Writing)	Investigating Characterization Assessments have been developed for this unit in the 8th Grade Data Calendar. Available on Treasure Chest.
December	<u>Poetry Writing Mini Unit</u> <i>On Demand Narrative- Grade level will determine date</i>	<u>Poetry Analysis Mini Unit</u>
January	<u>Realistic Fiction (Narrative) Book 1</u> Look at the User Guide for new mini-lessons and new text suggestions.	
February	 <i>On Demand Persuasive-Grade Level will determine date</i>	<u>Essential Research</u> Page 5 Grade 7 Assessment
March	<u>The Art of Argument Book 3</u>	
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June	<u>OPTIONAL: Graphic Novels</u> Curricular Calendar	<u>Dystopia</u> Assessments have been developed for this unit in the 8 th Grade Data Calendar. Available on Treasure Chest.

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Grade 8		
Month	Reading	Writing
September	<u>Reading Launch</u> <u>Maintaining a Reading Life</u> Complete by mid-September	<u>Launching Writer’s Notebook</u> Complete by mid-September
September – October	<u>Critical Literacies</u>	<i>On Demand Literary Essay (on a short story or pixar video) Grade level will determine date.</i>
November		Literary Essay New mentor text added- “SuperHuman” by Nicola Yoon.
December	<u>Literary Nonfiction</u>	<i>On Demand Memoir (narrative) Grade level will determine date.</i>
January		<u>Memoir</u> <u>If... Then Unit</u> The Digital User Guide has supplement lessons. There are written out lessons and Mentor text suggestions.
February	<u>Essential Research</u>	
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June	<u>Historical Fiction</u>	<u>Position Papers Book 3</u> Based on Nonfiction topics from Social Studies

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Split Team- A Year		
Month	Reading	Writing
September	<u>Reading Launch</u> <u>Maintaining a Reading Life</u> Complete by mid-September	<u>Launching Writer’s Notebook</u> Complete by mid September
September – October	<u>Critical Literacies</u>	<i>On Demand Literary Essay (on a short story or pixar video) Split team will determine date</i>
November		Literary Essay New mentor text added- “SuperHuman” by Nicola Yoon.
December – January	<u>Dystopian</u>	<i>On Demand</i>
January – February		<u>Fantasy Writing/Realistic Fiction</u>
April	TC Test Prep Unit	TC Test Prep Unit
May – June	<u>Essential Research</u>	<u>Position Papers Book 3</u> Based on Nonfiction topics from Social Studies