

**Westbrook School Department
Course Blueprint**

<p>Content Area / Grade Level <i>Writing/ Third Grade</i></p>	
<p>Course Title <i>Writing Units of Study/Reading Workshop</i></p>	
<p>Course Description <i>Literacy instruction designed to prepare students for any writing task they will face and to turn them into life-long, confident readers who display fluency and independence.</i></p>	
<p>Westbrook K-12 Learning Standards</p> <p><i>*Writing narrative, information and opinion *Writing development *Writing research</i></p>	<p>Guiding Principles / Vision of the Graduate</p> <p><i>Clear and Effective Communicators Self-Directed and Life-long Learners Creative and Practical Problem Solvers Responsible and Involved Citizens Integrative and Informed Thinkers</i></p>
<p>Expected Outcomes - Expectations for students upon completion of the course. *Take at least one narrative, opinion, and information piece of writing completely through the writing process for each unit. *Write a beginning that sets the reader up for what they are about to read.*Connect their story, reasons, and ideas with appropriate transition words and phrases. *Craft and ending which ends the piece well. *Use paragraphs and skips lines to separate what happens first from what happens later (and finally) in the story. *Elaborate on the details of their writings. *Tell their story, but also write it in ways that get readers to picture what is happening and bring their story to life.*Use what they know about spelling patterns to help spell and edit before writing the final draft. Gets help from others to check spelling and punctuation before writing the final draft. *Punctuate dialogue correctly with commas and quotation marks. Puts punctuation at the end of every sentence. Writers will write in ways that help readers read with expression, reading some parts quickly, some slowly, some parts in one sort of voice, and others in another.</p>	
<p>Core Units of Study - Each course has 4 - 6 Core Units of Study which are required and in which all targeted learning standards are embedded.</p> <p>Unit One: Crafting True Stories Unit Two: The Art of Information Writing Unit Three: Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, Editorials Unit Four: Once Upon A Time: Adapting and Writing Fairytales</p>	