

WriteShop Primary Book A – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: K or 1

Lesson 1: Welcome to WriteShop Primary

Focus: **Getting Started**

Theme: **Animals**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Become familiar with the general structure of the lessons for WriteShop Primary.
- Be introduced to the concept of brainstorming for ideas on a given topic.
- Observe the relationship between verbal and written expressions.
- Tell or write a short story about an animal.

Lesson 2: All About Me

Lesson Focus: **Personal Writing**

Theme: **I Am Special**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Write information about himself.
- Learn that each person is unique and their unique qualities can be expressed through the written word.
- Be introduced to the concept that a sentence conveys a complete thought.
- Discover that his opinions matter and can be shared with others through writing.

Lesson 3: Choosing a Topic

Lesson Focus: **Thinking of Ideas to Write About**

Theme: **My Favorite Things**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Begin to recognize frequently-used letters and words.
- Learn to write down several possible ideas and choose one to write about.
- Begin to understand most stories are about one main topic or idea.
- Tell or write a short story about a favorite thing.

Lesson 4: The Main Idea

Lesson Focus: **Selecting a Title**

Theme: **Friends**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Determine the main idea and choose a title for several picture books.
- Practice completing predictable sentence starters.
- Write a short story about a friend and add a title to the story.
- Write several book titles about friends.

Lesson 5: Story Structure

Lesson Focus: **Constructing a Beginning, Middle, and End**

Theme: **Trains**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Think of an introduction, a body, and a closing to the story he will compose.
- Organize ideas by using a simple graphic organizer.
- Make a word bank of words to choose from when writing his story.
- Create a five-sentence story about a train.

Lesson 6: Punctuation

Lesson Focus: **Using a Period at the End of a Sentence**

Theme: **Colors**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Learn that every sentence has an end mark and identify a period at the end of a sentence.
- Learn that the punctuation mark at the end of a sentence is followed by a capital letter at the beginning of the next sentence.
- Practice identifying, reading, writing, and spelling various color words.
- Tell or write a short story about one color.

Lesson 7: Writing with Rhyme

Lesson Focus: **Using Word Families to Write Stories with Rhyming Words**

Theme: **Rhymes**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Review the use of punctuation in a sentence.
- Learn to identify various word families.
- Become familiar with words that rhyme.
- Use rhyming words to write a story.

Lesson 8: Organizing Ideas

Lesson Focus: **Using A Story Web to Organize Ideas**

Theme: **Insects and Bugs**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Practice observing items he plans to write about.
- Organize facts and information on a story web.
- Learn to refer to a story web as he writes.
- Write a simple nonfiction article.
- Practice writing independently as much as possible.

Lesson 9: Writing from Personal Experience

Lesson Focus: **Introducing the Personal Narrative Story**

Theme: **TV and Movies**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Write about something that happened to him.
- Think of ideas to write about from his own experiences.
- Learn to write a personal narrative.
- Practice writing independently as much as possible.

Lesson 10: Sequence of Events

Lesson Focus: **Writing About Events in the Order They Happen**

Theme: **Cars and Trucks**

Objectives | Your child will:

- Use order words to describe a sequence of events.
- Organize a story according to its sequence of events.
- Write a short story about a vehicle.
- Identify punctuation marks such as question marks and exclamation points.
- Write standard spelling of high-frequency vocabulary words.

WriteShop Primary Book B – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: 1 or 2

Lesson 1: Writing a Letter

Lesson Focus: **The Format of a Friendly Letter**

Theme: **Grandparents**

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn the four parts of a friendly letter.
- Learn the concept of paragraph form and indentation.
- Write a personal narrative.
- Describe an imaginary trip.
- Write a friendly letter.

Lesson 2: Standard Spelling

Lesson Focus: **Using Reference Tools to Check Standard Spelling**

Theme: **Planets and Space**

Objectives | Students will:

- Build a word bank of familiar spelling words.
- Use a reference tool to check standard spelling of unfamiliar words.
- Learn how to use a dictionary to help improve writing and spelling skills.
- Write a story with an outer-space theme.
- Self-check their work for spelling mistakes.

Lesson 3: Acrostics

Lesson Focus: **Choosing Theme-related Words to Write a Special Type of Poem**

Theme: **Holidays**

Objectives | Students will:

- Write personal narratives about holiday events.
- Learn to spell holiday-related words.
- Learn how to write an acrostic with a holiday theme.
- Identify the beginning, middle, or end letters of various words.

Lesson 4: Poems and Nursery Rhymes

Lesson Focus: **Writing with Words that Rhyme**

Theme: **Nursery Rhymes**

Objectives | Students will:

- Become familiar with nursery rhymes.
- Find and identify words that rhyme.
- Learn that some words rhyme even if they are not in the same word family.
- Rewrite a familiar nursery rhyme in their own words.
- Use reference tools to check standard spelling of unfamiliar words.

Lesson 5: Fairy Tales

Lesson Focus: **Retelling a Familiar Story**

Theme: **Fairy Tales**

Objectives | Students will:

- Practice retelling familiar fairy tales.
- Use their own ideas to create a new fairy tale.
- Write a fairy tale in their own words.
- Continue to use reference tools to check standard spelling of unfamiliar words.

Lesson 6: In the News

Lesson Focus: **Adding Details to Writing**

Theme: **Neighborhood and Community**

Objectives | Students will:

- Share interesting details about neighborhood and community news.
- Learn to ask Who, What, When, Where, and Why? in order to add details to their Writing Project.
- Write a story about a community event.
- Practice reading, writing, and spelling words related to their neighborhood and community.

Lesson 7: Humor

Lesson Focus: **Creating a Story with Humor**

Theme: **Dinosaurs**

Objectives | Students will:

- Practice writing a story with humor.
- Experience using a different voice to tell a story.
- Use the format of a comic strip to tell their story.

Lesson 8: Problem and Solution

Lesson Focus: **Writing about a Problem and Its Solution**

Theme: **Ocean Animals**

Objectives | Students will:

- Organize a story to include a problem and its solution.
- Consider a variety of possible endings to resolve the conflict in a story.
- Choose to end a story with the solution they like best.

Lesson 9: Character and Setting

Lesson Focus: **Identifying the Character and the Setting in a Story**

Theme: **Animal Homes**

Objectives | Students will:

- Identify the main character in stories.
- Add descriptions of the main character.
- Learn that a setting tells when and where a story takes place.
- Write a story that has an animal as the main character and its home as the setting of the story.

Lesson 10: Story Organizers

Lesson Focus: **Organizing Different Parts of a Story**

Theme: **Community Helpers**

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a story using community helpers as the main characters.
- Identify the different parts of a story in a picture book.
- Organize the main parts of a story before they begin to write.

WriteShop Primary Book C – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: 2 or 3

Lesson 1: Planning the Story

Lesson Focus: **Using Story Ingredients to Plan a Story**

Theme: **Telling Time**

Objectives | Students will:

- Practice telling time to know when a story takes place.
- Plan the main ingredients of a story before beginning to write.
- Learn to use *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to plan a story.
- Identify different details in favorite stories.

Lesson 2: Writing a Mystery

Lesson Focus: **Organizing and Planning a Mystery**

Theme: **Mysteries**

Objectives | Students will:

- Organize details of a story to write a mystery.
- Write about a mystery and tell how the problem is solved.
- Continue to improve spelling skills.

Lesson 3: Self-Editing

Lesson Focus: **Learning to Edit Work by Himself**

Theme: **Weather**

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a story where the weather plays an important role.
- Check their work for words they spelled correctly.
- Check their work for sentences they wrote using correct punctuation.
- Start learning to self-edit their writing.
- Continue to improve spelling skills.

Lesson 4: Journal Writing

Lesson Focus: **The Personal Narrative in a Journal**

Theme: **Bees**

Objectives | Students will:

- Transition from writing fiction to writing nonfiction.
- Organize information to write about a personal experience.
- Observe how to write entries in a personal journal.
- Start writing in their own journal.

Lesson 5: Descriptive Writing | Describing a Thing

Lesson Focus: **Using Words to Describe Something**

Objectives | Students will:

- Use words to describe a tangible item.
- Read a description of something and identify what it is.
- Write a nonfiction article about an object.

Lesson 6: Descriptive Writing | Describing a Person

Lesson Focus: **Using Words to Describe a Person**

Objectives | Students will:

- Use words to describe a person.
- Identify describing words.
- Write a nonfiction article about a person.

Lesson 7: Descriptive Writing | Describing a Place

Lesson Focus: **Using Words to Describe a Place**

Objectives | Students will:

- Use words to describe a place.
- Practice describing familiar places.
- Write a nonfiction article about a place.

Lesson 8: Writing a Book Report

Lesson Focus: **Writing a Summary of a Book**

Objectives | Students will:

- Practice summarizing contents of familiar books.
- Learn to punctuate book titles.
- Write a book report.
- Continue using standard spelling as they write.

Lesson 9: Writing a Report

Lesson Focus: **Writing a Report Without Research**

Objectives | Students will:

- Practice listing facts about different topics.
- Learn how to write a simple report.
- Write down facts in a report about one specific topic.

Lesson 10: Writing a Research Report

Lesson Focus: **Using Research to Write a Report**

Objectives | Students will:

- Read a book to collect research facts about a specific topic.
- List facts they already know along with new facts they have learned from research.
- Write down facts in a research report.