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Month-by-Month Trait-Based Writing Instruction: Ready-to-Use Lessons And Strategies For Weaving Morning Messages, Read-Alouds, Mentor Texts, And More ... Writing Program (Month-By-Month (Scholastic))





## Synopsis

In this comprehensive resource, two veteran primary teachers share a multi-faceted approach to teaching writing that seamlessly combines the use of powerful mentor texts, strategy lessons, and the traitsNideas, organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency, and conventions. Their yearlong planNorganized month-by-monthNincludes ideas for interactive morning messages, read-aloud suggestions, and more than 75 mini-lessons for teaching genre, grammar, the traits, and much more. Also included are reproducible planning sheets for a variety of genres and editing checklists, plus more than 250 literature suggestions. You'll find everything you need to help your young writers soar! For use with Grades KÕ2.

## **Book Information**

Series: Month-By-Month (Scholastic) Paperback: 192 pages Publisher: Scholastic Teaching Resources (Teaching (June 1, 2009) Language: English ISBN-10: 054506693X ISBN-13: 978-0545066938 Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 8.5 x 10.8 inches Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (19 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #185,698 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #65 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Crafts & Hobbies > Needlecrafts & Textile Crafts > Weaving #462 in Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Instruction Methods > Language Arts #930 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Literature > Creative Writing & Composition Age Range: 5 - 7 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

Every year brings on more new ideas to try in the classroom. While I knew the importance of writers' workshop, morning message, mini-lessons and genre awareness, including these in my daily lesson plans was a monumental task. This resource gave me actual samples of all of these as well as suggestions for literature to use with the lessons. It is well planned, featuring activities for each month with detailed writing projects to accompany the lessons. I am looking forward to implementing these in my first grade classroom, although the ideas could easily be used in both kindergarten and

second grade.

I was just appointed as the new Primary Writing Coordinator at my school. This book was just what I needed to bring our writing program together and get us all on the same page. The scope and sequence is just right for the primary grade levels. It was written by two first grade teachers so, it is definately age/grade-appropriate. Everything is provided, including literacy selection suggestions. I am very happy with this selection!Ms. Wise, Primary Teacher & Writing Coordinator

I haven't even finished reading the book, but I just had to come and write a review because I simply am in love with the few chapters I have read. I am a beginning teacher, and this book just provides so much structure. It gives a sample week-long flow of the day. It details morning meeting messages that tie in with the topic of study. It tells you what books to use. Of course, you don't have to do everything it says--nor do they recommend that you do--but if you're starting out and need a little guidance, this book is perfect! I am so happy with this purchase. Thanks a lot!

These activities teach or allow practice for very basic writing skills. They are easily integrated into the day and pay off through repetition and practice. I would recommend it for young learners, under grade 3 (may be too elementary for grade 2 in some instances...depends on the level of the learners). I use it with language learners grades K-2.

This book is amazing I really can't say anything bad. It gives you great ideas for morning messages every month, shows what student work should look like. It has changed the way I teach writing for the better.

This book is fabulous! We have used this to help plan writing in our classrooms. Maria is a wealth of knowledge. Buy this book, you'll be happy you did!

This is a great resource providing teachers with specific lessons to meet standards and help students to build up their writing skills! There are also book ideas included to support the lesson. I've recommended it to others and they have purchased it already.

This is exactly what I was looking for to start a new year of writing in first grade. It has a curricum map outlining the year and scaffolds lessons according to the 6 Traits of Writing. I am looking

forward to implementing this great system in my first grade classroom!

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