

This guide will help you navigate the 1st grade writing curriculum!





Hi there!

Thank you so much for your interest in my Lucky to Learn Writing curriculum! This document will help you get oriented to the resource.

ABOUT THIS WRITING CURRICULUM

Writing is the subject teachers often loathe to teach, and the subject that schools/districts often don't provide curriculum for. Let's be honest, there are just not a lot of quality & engaging writing programs for 1st grade! <u>Until now!</u>

A few of our favorite things in this writing curriculum --

- Students and teachers are going to love writing. This curriculum is engaging, purposeful, and meaningful! Each week of lessons connects to real-world writing. The activities are fun and scaffolded, and they aren't overwhelming or tedious.
- It's SO EASY for you to prep and teach. The teacher slides are click and go! They have visual directions on the slide for students too! The one-page lesson plans will help you know just what to say & teach. Student materials are mainly print and go too!
- The lessons utilize explicit instruction, which sets <u>all</u> of your students up for success with writing! Say goodbye to the long line of kids at your desk who are frustrated because they don't know what to do. You'll explain, model, practice, and students will apply what you are teaching them.
- Grammar skills are embedded in the lessons, grammar time to your day. Research says teaching grammar this way will help students apply the grammar to their writing! Win-win!
- Self-regulation strategies are integrated & practiced in each lesson because writing is very complex for students. This helps build their stamina, resilience, goal-setting abilities, positive attitudes, and more.
- Ideas for intervention and extensions are listed on the lesson plans so you can easily differentiate as needed.
- It fits perfectly into a 25-minute writing time, on a "lesson" if needed. Handwriting practice and letter formation pages are included for no-prep transcription practice during your literacy centers.
- This curriculum is based on research and best practice. It was developed by a team of master teachers who hold graduate degrees in literacy. This curriculum works seamlessly with your Science of Reading instruction.

Why? Lucky to Learn WRING

This is the research-aligned, explicit, systematic, easy-prep, & engaging writing curriculum you've been looking for!

This resource includes everything you need to teach writing effectively in first grade! Includes:

click-and-go teaching slides with visual directions, lesson plans, student printables, anchor charts, handwriting pages

handwriting pages,

assessments, rubrics, and more!

Are you wanting to improve your classroom writing instruction?

This resource will help you bring best practice in writing instruction to life in your classroom easily & effortlessly! Wanting your students to see success with writing?

These lessons & activities will guide students to be successful with their writing and love it!

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Looking for an explicit & systematic writing program?

We've put it all together with a scope & sequence and teaching slides that will guide you through each day! No more struggling through writing workshop!





GROWING RESOURCE FOR FIRST GRADE

LUCKY TO LEARN WRITING UNITS

UNIT 1: FOUNDATIONAL WRITING SKILLS

- -writer habits
- -sentences
- -simple paragraphs

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UNIT 2: INTRO TO INFORMATIONAL WRITING

- -all about
- -how to
- -writing about learning

AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2, 2025

UNIT 3: INTRO TO OPINION WRITING

- -favorite
- -review
- -opinion letter

AVAILABLE DECEMBER 4, 2025

UNIT 4: INTRO TO NARRATIVE WRITING

- -personal narrative
- -story
- -fairy tale

AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 19, 2026

UNIT 5: RESEARCH & REVIEW

- -research report
- -opinion piece
- -biography/interview

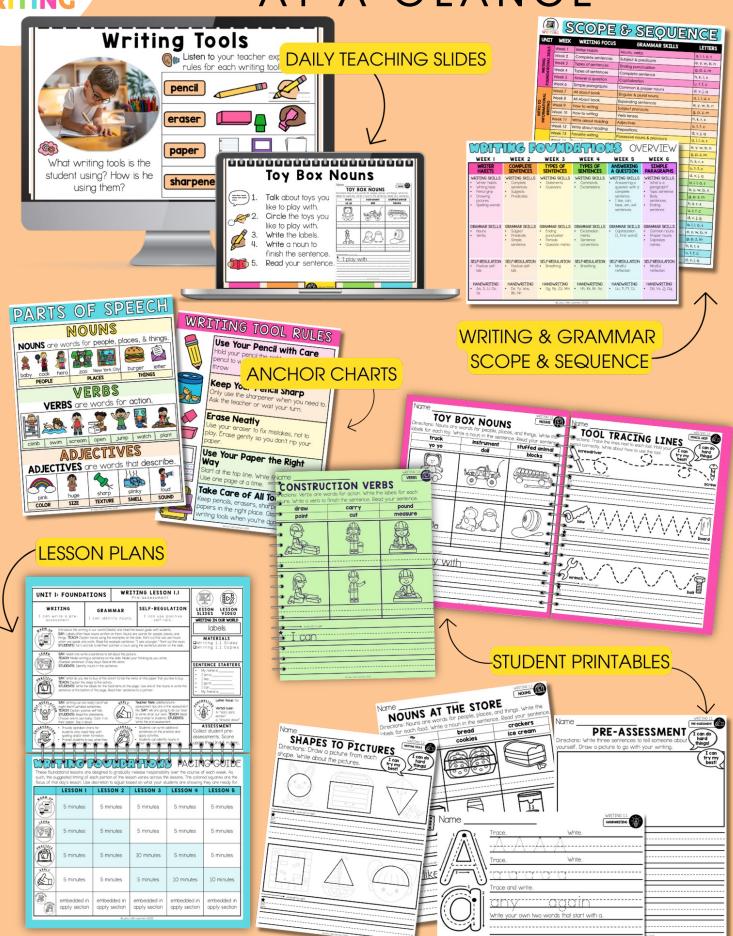
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EACH UNIT INCLUDES:

✓ Unit overviews	✓ Lesson plans
✓ Assessments	✓ Teaching slides
√ Scope & sequence	✓ Real-world writing examples
✓ Anchor charts	✓ Student printables
✓ No-prep handwriting pages	✓ Optional craft
✓ Explicit instruction	✓ Video lessons



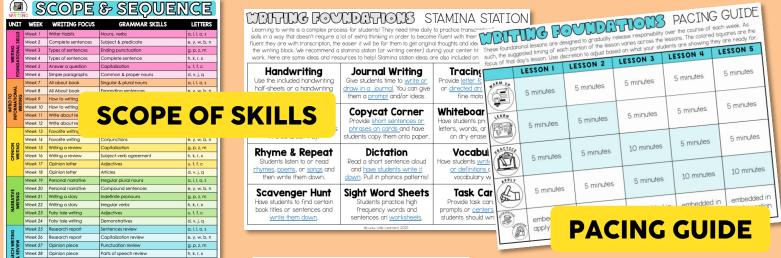
COMPONENTS AT A GLANCE





TEACHER SUPPORT





WRITING WRITING

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								SKILLS	4	3	2	1
nese are	key skills to te	ach beyond	the writing of block. These	and grammar skills are use	objectives. T ed for the fir	eaching thes	ER Sk e explicitly v weeks lister	WRITING FOCUS	Writing answers the prompt and all sentences are on topic.	Writing partially answers the prompt, with one sentence off- topic.	Writing does not answer the prompt, or more than one sentence is off- topic.	Writing does no answer the prompt, with no sentences addressing the topic.
Week week 1	Turn and talk	Following visual directions	Sentence starters	Skills to Writing tools & pencil grip	Drawing pictures	Stretching words	Think, Say, Write routine	PARTS OF SPEECH	Writing uses nouns and verbs correctly.	Writing has one error with noun or verb usage.	Writing has two or three errors with noun and verb usage.	Writing has man errors with nou or verb usage of uses no nouns/verbs.
week 2	Cutting Whole grou		Partner work	Color by code		Checkmarks	Spinners	SENTENCE	All sentences are complete and	Two of the sentences are complete and ct.	One sentence is complete and grammatically correct.	There are no complete sentences in th writing.
Veek 4	Following along with slides on a printable RUBRI CHECK							_	half of ting is neat jble ting.	Writing includes a few neat and legible words in the writing sample.	Handwriting is very difficult to read throughou the whole writing sample	
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vleek 6			tes and/or Self-reflecting To ass		CAPITAL LETTERS	and the start of sentences are always capitalized correctly.	and the start of sentences are capitalized correctly more than half of the time.	pronoun I, or the start of sentences are capitalized correctly.	Many errors in capitalization.			
Any lesson	Transitions Turning in assignments Voice levels When you equal to be supported by the support of		ENDING PUNCTUATION	Proper punctuation at the end of every sentence.	Proper punctuation at the end of two of the sentences.	Proper punctuation at the end of one sentence.	No proper punctuation at the end of sentences.					
										Cucky Lifle Learners 2025		

Student Name

WEITIN	G FOUNDATIONS FAC	Ç					
	question about Lucky to Learn Writing that is not answered below						
or in the materials provided, please email us: allaccess@luckylittlelearners.com							
Question:	uestion: Our recommendations:						
I only have time for writing four days a week. What do I do?	We don't recommend skipping lessons unless the majority of the class is mastering the objectives for the week already. Extend the week's lessons into the following week. It's akey to do a lesson 5 on a Monday, etc.						
Many of my students are below grade-level with handwriting. How can I adjust?	Students need handwriting proficiency to be successful writers. These are some research-backed ideas: Make sure you have daily handwriting practice for students. Use the princibles with sentence starters and/or skip the Apply activities until students are neady. Provide students with alphabet charts or a sound wall to help them remember the correspondence. Write what the student says with a highlighter and allow them to trace over the top. This is much easier than through a copy from the board for young writers.						
What if a lesson takes longer than my daily writing time?	It's just fine to have a "lesson" stretch over two days of classroom instruction! Try to pause after the Practice activity, and then ab analy get through Units 14 y						
Does this curriculum align with my state standards?	Each state has slightly differ writing is covered with this roof push students to master. FAO do for first grade at you can skip or not push students to master.						
I finished a unit, but some students didn't master the objectives. Now what?	ome students didn't writing, rest assured that it is so genres. Keep an aster the objectives. writing, rest assured that it is so genres. Keep an eye on the students' progress, and continue to work with them as needed. Try to work on specific						
What else do I need to think about in my day to help my students with writing?	We love this question! During your phonics instruction, make sure you are having students write the words they are learning to read. During reading instruction, as questions that students need to writer arrayers to. The more you incorporate writing in your day, the deeper student learning will be and the easier it will be for your students to write!	:					

All the resources for you to become a rockstar writing teacher without losing your mind!



LESSON STRUCTURE







WARM-UP

- Writing and grammar objectives
- Warm-up slide with review or grammar practice





LEARN

- Explicit teaching for the writing skill
- Visuals
- Teacher models



SHAPES TO PICTURES



PRACTICE

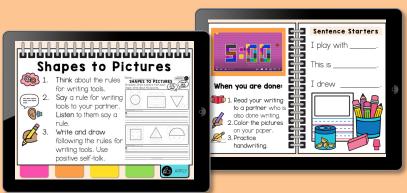
- Collaborative and/or scaffolded practice of the skill(s)
- Self-regulation strategy





APPLY

- Independent practice with the skill(s)
- Routines
 - Embedded timers
- Sentence starters
- When you are done list





Clear lesson

objectives

LESSON PLAN

UNIT I: FOUNDATIONS

WRITING LESSON I.I

Pre-assessment

WRITING

I can write a pre-I can identify nouns.

SELF-REGULATION

I can use positive self-talk.





SLIDES WRITING IN OUR WORLD

labels

MATERIALS

■Writing 1.1 Slides □Writing 1.1 Copies

SENTENCE STARTERS

Real-world writing

SAY: Watch me write a sentence to tell about this picture.

troduce the writing in our world (labels) and req

SAY: Labels often have nouns written on them. No

things. TEACH: Explain nouns using the examples of

when we speak and write. Read the example sen

STUDENTS: Turn and talk to tell their partner a no

TEACH: Model writing a sentence on the slide. Model your thinking as you write.

GRAMMAR

ple sentence: A boy buys food at the store.

Easy to follow teacher

instructions

nat do you like to buy at the store? Circle the items on the paper that you

NTS: Identify nouns in the sentence.

Explain the steps to the activity

List of materials

- I go to_ I can
- My friend is

Teaching slides with visual directions

WRITING LESSON 1.2

Writing Tools



UNIT I: FOUNDATIONS

WRITING

SAY: Writing can be r might feel frustrated sometimes. TEACH: Explain positive self-fall might feel frustrated sometimes

GRAMMAR

NTS: Write the

ce at the bottor

AHOWRITA Letter focus: Aa

/erbal cues:

"slant, slant, 'around, down"

LESSON LESSON SLIDES

VIDEO

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WRITING IN OUR WORLD

Video version of each lesson



I can write nouns. I can use writing tools appropriately

using writing tools. Point out that the highlighted words of

finish the sentence about a writing tool they use. SAY:

writing tools is he using? How is he using them? TEACH

SELF-REGULATION

I can use positive self-talk.

a shape.

Read the lesson goals with students. SAY: We use different tools to help us write. Which of these tools have you used to write? TEACH: Read the example sentences on the slide about

Sentence starters

using your writing

uns to write the

riting 1.2 Copies ■Writing tools (pencils, erasers, paper, sharpeners)

SENTENCE STARTERS

I play with

This is

I drew _



PACTICA

SAY: Watch tool appro STUDEN

each writing tool.

Explicit instruction with a gradual release

ys do you like to play with? Circle the toys on t

plain the steps to the activity. TEACH: F STUDEATS: Write the labels for the toys on the page. Use nce at the bottom of the page. Read their sentence to

Handwriting pages & cues

SAY: You will use writing tools to draw

pictures from shapes and write about



Letter focus: Ii

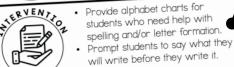
Verbal cues: I: "down, across, across" i: "down, dot"

ASSESSMENT

Collect student work. Assess their ability to ouns.



SAY: Writing can be really hard! We might feel frustrated sometimes TEACH: Explain positive self-to STUDENTS: Read the stateme Choose one to use today. Cold their paper. Say it aloud





can write additional

r sentences on the and apply activities. practio

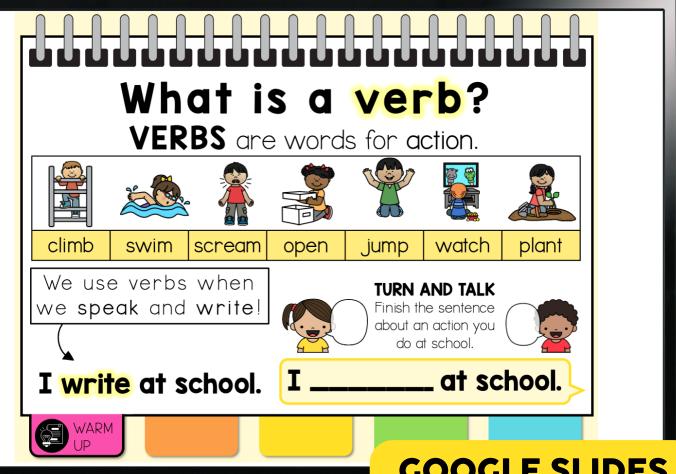


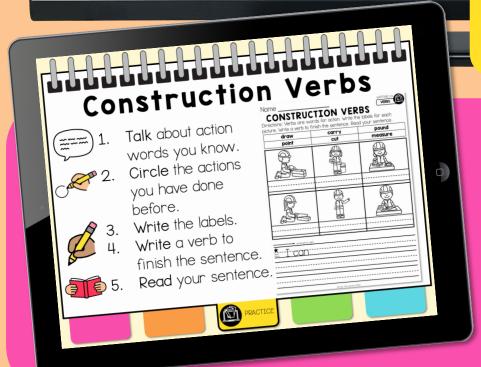
Students can identify nouns in their writing.

Assessments



TEACHING SLIDES



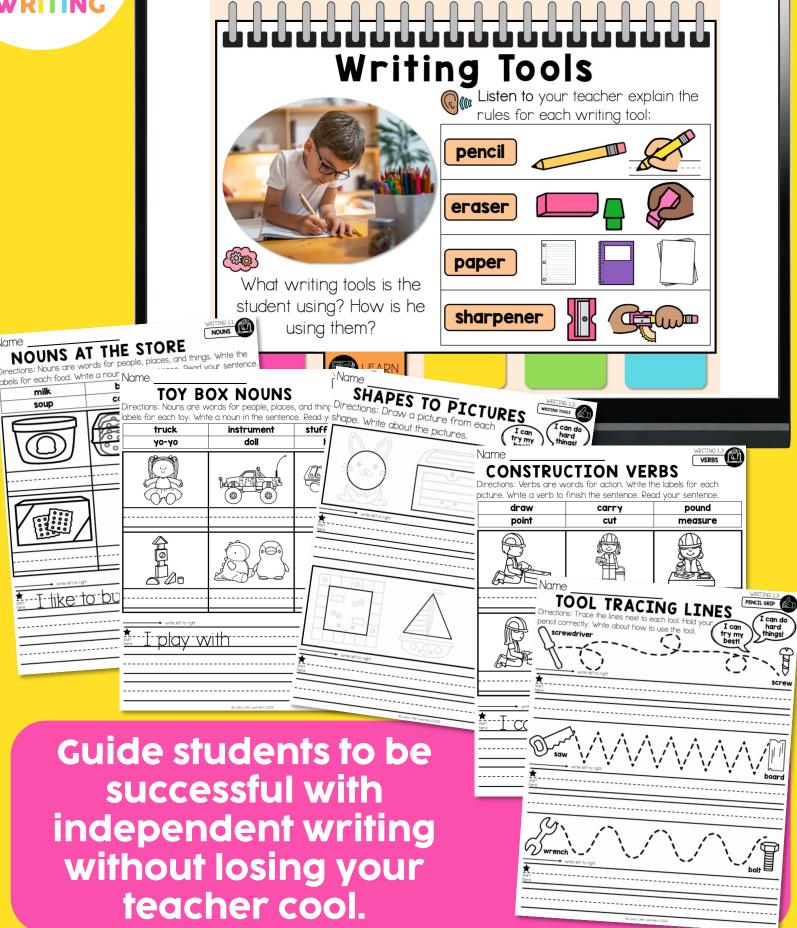


GOOGLE SLIDES
& POWERPOINT
AVAILABLE

Guide students through each lesson with an easy-to-follow, attractive, and kid-friendly slide format.

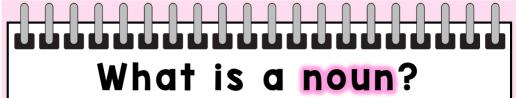


EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION





GRAMMAR



Nouns are words for people, places, & things.



loud

SOUND

stinky

SMELL

We use nouns when we / speak and write!

^I see a burger.

TURN AND TALK



Name

Tell your partner a noun. Use the sentence starter.



I see a.

NOUNS are words for people, places, & things. New York City PEOPLE VERBS VERBS VERBS are words for action. Climb swim scream open jump watch plant

ADJECTIVES are words that describe.

TEXTURE

COLOR

Grammar is embedded in each lesson, so students apply it to their writing.

Directions: Nouns are labels for each toy.	Write a noun in the sente	Nouns Nouns tes, and things. Write the
yo-yo	instrument doll	stuffed animal
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-I-play-w	ith	
	truck yo-yo	



SELF-REGULATION





Self-regulation strategies are taught and practiced in each lesson, so students stay positive and learn to be resilient writers.



REAL-LIFE WRITING

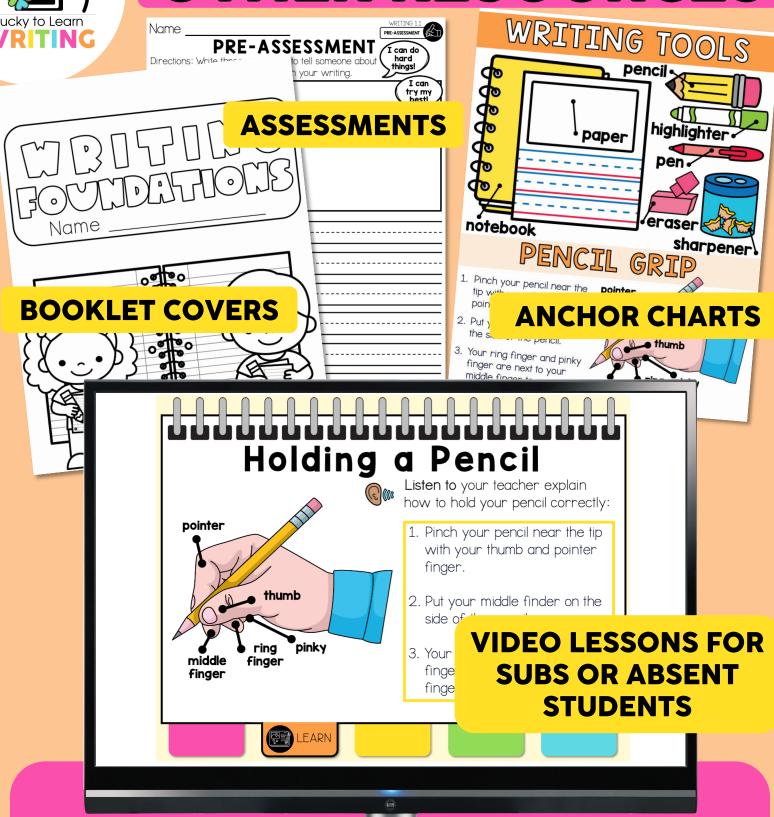




Each week has a real-life writing example, showing students the writing all around them every day! This also embeds building knowledge of the world around them.



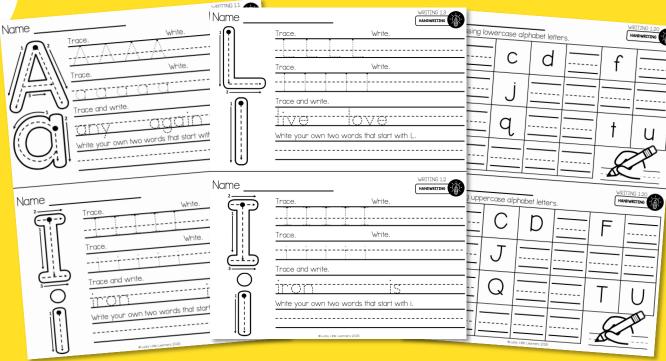
OTHER RESOURCES



Literally everything you need to boost writing success in your classroom!



HANDWRITING PAGES



No-prep pages for handwriting practice are included for each day! These pages allow you to support students becoming more fluent with transcription.

OPTIONAL CRAFT



Each unit includes an optional simple craft to support students in sharing their completed writing!

THANK YOU FOR DOWNLOADING!

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Angie Olson has many years of classroom experience teaching grades kindergarten, first, and second grade. She earned her master's degree in mathematics and has presented for a variety of conferences at the national, state, and local levels. Over the years, Angie has employed teachers to help with Lucky Little Learners. She is proud of her talented team who strives to support the teaching community with her. Lucky Little Learners has created over 600 resources and is one of the top primary sellers on Teachers Pay Teachers.

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