



Grade 6 Instructional Flow

A great place to start!

Book Clubs increase in challenge, so introduce them throughout the year in this order

Strategy Units concentrate on one comprehension strategy at a time. They can be introduced in a flexible manner to complement each teacher's own experience

Grade 6	September >	October >	November >	December >	January >	February >	March >	April >	May >	June				
	Self-Monitoring Strategy Unit	Analyzing Strategy Unit	Science Book Club: Mission: Space	Sequencing Strategy Unit	Making Connections Strategy Unit	Arts Book Club: From Page to Stage	Predicting Strategy Unit	Inferring Strategy Unit	Social Responsibility Book Club: When Disaster Strikes	Evaluating Strategy Unit	Synthesizing Strategy Unit	Genre Book Club: Hero of Another World		
Reading	Comprehension Strategy Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-questioning using "Thick and Thin" questions tracking comprehension using fix-up strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbal retelling with partner feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deepening comprehension using all 8 comprehension strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> showing sequence of key events by making a story plotline comparing time order in fiction and non-fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comparing what you know with new information confirming or changing your ideas based on new evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deepening comprehension using all 8 comprehension strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> previewing by predicting content, citing evidence, making connections predicting and providing reasons confirming and adjusting predictions and evaluating evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inferring and providing a reason visualizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deepening comprehension using all 8 comprehension strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understanding different viewpoints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarizing/synthesizing and making personal responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deepening comprehension using all 8 comprehension strategies 		
	Read Aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: description-explanation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: retell-explanation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: description-report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-humorous story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: retell-account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-radio play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-adventure story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> info-fiction: retell-biography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-realistic story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: poetry-rhyming/blank verse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-fantasy story 		
	Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: procedure-magazine article info-fiction: persuasive-brochure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: persuasive-various text types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: description-magazine article info-fiction: narrative-comic book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-script non-fiction: procedure-guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: persuasive-formal letter non-fiction: persuasive-poster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-journal non-fiction: description-magazine article 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: retell-newspaper info-fiction: procedural-flow chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: poetry-rhyming poems fiction: narrative-realistic story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: description-guide non-fiction: description-magazine article 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-fiction: persuasive-reviews fiction: retell-docket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fiction: narrative-fables fiction: description-sheet music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> info-fiction: retell-blog non-fiction: description-magazine article 	
	Small-Group	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	supported independent with info-fiction: narrative-graphic novels	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	supported independent with fiction: narrative-scripts	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	supported independent with non-fiction: description-newspapers	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	guided reading with a variety of levelled texts	supported independent with fiction: narrative-fantasy stories	
Media Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brochure Magazine Articles Magazine-Style Short Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazine Articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazine Article Comic Book Graphic Novels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Script Guide Novella Instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Letters Poster Magazine-Style Short Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio Play Journal Scripts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspaper Flow Chart Website Magazine-Style Short Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazine-Style Short Stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazine Article Guide Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie Reviews Docket Advertisement Reference Article E-mails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheet Music Magazine-Style Short Story Comic Book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blog Magazine Article 		
Writing	Text-Type Studies	procedure-science experiment	description-problem/solution report	Create a Graphic Novel	narrative-script	personal communication-formal letter	Perform a Scene	retell-newspaper article	poetry-rhyming verse	Draft Personal Evacuation Plans and Survival Kits	persuasive-review	traditional narrative-fable		
	Self-Selected and Response Writing	persuasive paragraph, oral report, poster, persuasive letter, newspaper article, brochure, persuasive argument, comic strip	podcast, poster, brochure, persuasive article, comparative article	charting questions, charting ideas, jot notes	scrapbook entries, comic strip, dialogue, how-to guide, reflecting on learning	brochure, radio announcement, formal letter, journal entries, letter, creating a poster for a specific audience	write a character description, jot notes	preview, advertisement, job brochure, job poster	informational brochure, personal book, television interview, comic strip, research organizer, letter, web organizer, figurative sentence, "I Dream of..." poems, Hink-Pinks, Topic Cubes, "I Am Canadian" poem, radio show interviews, forecasting the future	retell, give an opinion, and share, jot notes	retell from various points of view, sequel, persuasive blog or review, podcast or movie trailer, newspaper article, newspaper headlines, presenting a court case	letter, interview as a script, persuasive letter, advertisement,	jot notes, sketch inference, jot notes, labelled sketch, fantasy genre chart	
Working with Words	All units include whole class in context and practice lessons	word patterns, fluency, word meaning from context, word building (investigation), four- and five-syllable words, using a dictionary, puns, fluency	root words, word meaning from context, subject-specific language, prefixes, fluency, building words (generated), puns	clarify vocabulary, fluency, word resource wall words, word building: expanding words; possessives and contractions; sorting; transferring; possessives; idioms; inflected endings	verbs and adjectives, understanding word parts to solve meaning, high-frequency words, multi-syllabic words, using sentence structure and punctuation for fluency, building words (coordination)	word meaning from context, background knowledge and known prefixes, using a dictionary, fluency, building words (transmission), related words, using the Internet	clarify vocabulary, fluency, word resource wall words, word building: expanding a root word; possessives and contractions, language predictability: idioms; possessives and contractions; inflected endings, building words (combinations)	onomatopoeia, using context clues, using analogy, fluency, hyphenated words, idioms, specialized dog vocabulary, affix 'ist', abbreviations, building words (eliminated)	building vocabulary with alphaboxes organizer, word meanings from context, using prefixes, root words suffixes to solve multi-syllabic words, fluency, word choice, using a dictionary, homophones, idioms, compound words, building words (concentration), contractions, compound words	clarify vocabulary, fluency, word resource wall words, building words	idioms, similes, suffixes, persuasive language and hyperbole, building words (speculating)	using context to read imbedded Cree words, homophones, idioms, dictionary skills, high-frequency words, building words (homesteader), fluency plurals, word choice	clarify vocabulary, fluency, word resource wall words, building words: build the words; sort with talk; transfer; similes; contractions	
	Oral Language	All units include whole- and small-group discussions	think/timed-pair-share, ranking ladder strategy, graffiti strategy, value line strategy	asking questions, partner feedback, four corners strategy, think-pair-share, verbal retellings	think-pair-share, share-read, oral presentations, jigsaw-groups	formulate-share-listen-create strategy, value line strategy, providing feedback to a partner	formulate-share-listen-create strategy, say and switch strategy, value line strategy, inside-outside circle strategy, generating connections, think-pair-share, reading aloud	think-pair-share, jigsaw groups, oral character performances of character, practising the scenes	predict, give reasons, and check it out chart, timed think-pair-share strategy, value line strategy, half-minute skim strategy, graffiti strategy, stating and supporting opinions	questions and prompts, four corners and value line strategies, mind/alternative mind strategy, three-step interview, sketching explanations, placemat strategy, turn and talk, think-write-pair-share strategy, inside-outside circle strategy, graffiti strategy, tea party strategy, say and switch strategy, reader's theatre	graffiti strategy, think-pair-share strategy, jigsaw groups, brief oral presentations	think-pair-share strategy, stating and supporting opinions, placemat activity, list/group/label strategy, generating connections to discussions, formulate-share-listen-create strategy, value line activity, rehearsing and performing the court case	summarizing, think-pair-share strategy, jigsaw strategy	reporting in jigsaw groups, brief oral summaries, think-pair-share strategy, oral presentation

Whole-class, small-group, or partner

Authentic media texts are used for critical literacy and as models for writing

Writing Instruction follows the release of support model

Literacy Support Guide provides craft lessons for all stages of the writing process, writing conventions, and 6+1 traits

A variety of strategies to engage and deepen students' understanding and critical thinking

Read Aloud
A variety of texts to model the thinking behind the reading

32 texts from levels R-Y/Z, with a variety of text-types and forms

Students read independently, but get topic support from the teacher and their Book Clubs' group discussions

Working with Words focuses on vocabulary, word solving and building, spelling, and language predictability