

# GR 2 Schoolwide Unit 4 (Letter Writing)

Content Area: **English Language Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 4**  
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## Unit Overview

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Unit Title: Nonfiction: Letter Writing

Essential Question: What is the purpose of persuasive, informational and narrative letters, and what are their structural features?

## Standards

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### Language

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ELA.L.WF.2.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing.
ELA.L.WF.2.1.A	Write legibly and with sufficient fluency to support composition.
ELA.L.WF.2.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of encoding and spelling.
ELA.L.WF.2.3.B	Capitalize holidays, product names and geographic names.
ELA.L.WF.2.3.E	Punctuate dates, abbreviations, greetings and closings, initials, important words in a title, and items in a list.
ELA.L.KL.2.1.A	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.
ELA.L.VL.2.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.2.2.B	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).
ELA.L.VL.2.2.C	Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional).
ELA.L.VL.2.2.D	Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).
ELA.L.VI.2.3.A	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).

### Speaking & Listening

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ELA.SL.PE.2.1.A	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
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ELA.SL.PE.2.1.B	Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their explicit comments to the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.2.1.C	Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.
ELA.SL.II.2.2	Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
ELA.SL.ES.2.3	Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue.
ELA.SL.PI.2.4	Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences.
ELA.SL.UM.2.5	Use multimedia; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
ELA.SL.AS.2.6	Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

## Writing

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ELA.W.AW.2.1.A	Introduce an opinion.
ELA.W.AW.2.1.B	Support the opinion with facts, definitions, concrete details, text evidence, or other information and examples related to the topic.
ELA.W.AW.2.1.C	Provide a conclusion.
ELA.W.NW.2.3.A	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing characters; organize an event sequence.
ELA.W.NW.2.3.C	Use transitional words to manage the sequence of events.
ELA.W.NW.2.3.D	Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experience and events.
ELA.W.NW.2.3.E	Provide a conclusion or sense of closure related to the narrated experiences or events.
ELA.W.WP.2.4.A	Identify audience and purpose before writing.
ELA.W.WP.2.4.B	Participate in self-evaluation of written work.
ELA.W.SE.2.6	Prioritize information provided by different sources on the same topic while gathering ideas and planning to write about a topic.
ELA.W.RW.2.7	Engage in both collaborative and independent writing tasks regularly, including extended and shorter time frames.

## Materials/Activities/Resources

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### Core materials:

- Schoolwide Writing

### Web Site Resources:

- Schoolwide Writing
- Lexia
- Amira (K-3)
- Google Docs/Slides

## **Technology**

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**8.1.2.CS.1:** Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences.

**8.1.2.DA.1:** Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.

**8.1.2.DA.2:** Store, copy, search, retrieve, modify, and delete data using a computing device.

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Peer Editing
- Shared Writing
- Writer's Notebook
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Student Performance Checklist

### **Summative Assessment**

- Process Pieces
- Schoolwide Rubrics
- Student Publishing
- Student Self-Reflection

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

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## **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Science Connections: Communication

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Curiosity, Noticing, Growth Mindset, Solving Problems, Setting Goals

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills**

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Financial Literacy (9.1):

- By the end of Grade 2
  - 9.1.2.CR.1: Recognize ways to volunteer in the classroom, school and community.
  - 9.1.2.CR.2: List ways to give back, including making donations, volunteering, and starting a business.

#### Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation (9.2):

- By the end of Grade 2
  - 9.1.2.CAP.1: Make a list of different types of jobs and describe the skills associated with each job.

#### Life Literacies and Key Skills (9.4):

- By the end of Grade 2
  - 9.4.2.CI.1: Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).
  - 9.4.2.CT.1: Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).
  - 9.4.2.CT.2: Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
  - 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).

### **Career Ready Practices**

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- **Developing Responsibility for Learning:** Cultivating independence, self-reflection, and responsibility for one's own learning.
- **Adapting Communication:** Adapting communication in response to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.
- **Valuing Evidence in Argumentation:** Constructing viable claims and evaluating, defending, challenging, and qualifying the arguments of others.
- **Building Knowledge:** Building strong content knowledge and connecting ideas across disciplines using a variety of text resources and media.
- **Leveraging Technology:** Employing technology and digital media thoughtfully, strategically and capably to enhance reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language use.

- Understanding Self and Others: Using literacy as a vehicle to affirm all the aspects of one's own identity, as well as understand, connect to and respect other perspectives and cultures