## Graysville Elementary School 1st Grade Informational Writing, Social Studies, & Science Unit

# Essential Standard(s):

ELAGSE1W2: Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

- This standard connects to science and social studies.
- This standard interconnects with SL6 (speaking complete sentences) which allows the student to express his/her thinking in all subject areas.
- This standard interconnects with L1j (writing simple sentences).

SSGSE1E4 Explain that people earn income by working and that they must make choices about how much to save and spend

**SGSE1E1**. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate weather data to identify weather patterns.

- a. Represent data in tables and/or graphs to identify and describe different types of weather and the characteristics of each type.
- b. Ask questions to identify forms of precipitation such as rain, snow, sleet, and hailstones as either solid (ice) or liquid (water).
- d. Analyze data to identify seasonal patterns of change. (Clarification statement: Examples could include temperature, rainfall/snowfall, and changes to the environment.)

## Prior knowledge and skills:

**ELAGSEKSL6** Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly--use of nouns, verbs, and adjectives (not necessarily being able to name them)

**ELAGSE1L1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or *speaking*. j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound sentences in response to questions and prompts (declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory).

- letter sounds
- invented spelling
- sight words
- say what you think, write what you say
- finger spacing

- capitalization/punctuation rules
- What is a sentence

### SSE4

Making choices

## **Essential Vocabulary:**

### **ELA-from previous unit**

- naming part/telling part
- asking sentence/question
- bossy sentence/command
- telling sentence/statement
- strong emotion sentence/exclamation
- capital letter
- period, question mark, exclamation mark/point (comma for extension)
- noun, verb, adjective
- connecting words
- compound sentence (two complete joining sentences)

### **ELA-new to this unit**

- topic
- fact vs. opinion
- closing
- information, informational, informative, explanatory

#### SSE4

- Income
- saving/spending
- Career
- earn

## **Learning Targets**

### **ELA-from previous unit**

- I can speak/write complete sentences.
  - I can speak/write a telling sentence.
  - I can speak/write an asking sentence.
  - o I can speak/write a sentence with strong emotion.
  - I can speak/write a command.
- I can use capital letters and punctuation correctly.
- I can expand a sentence to add detail.
- I can join two thoughts together when I speak.

#### ELA-new to this unit

- I can write to inform others about a topic.
  - I can introduce my topic.

- I can write facts about my topic.
- o I can draw and label pictures to match the details.
- o I can write a closing sentence.

### SSE4

- I can explain how people work to earn income.
- I can explain that people must make choices about how to save and spend.

## Assessment Plan

### <u>Description of Summative Assessment & Proficiency:</u>

- -Students can write an informational piece in which they name a topic, list at least 3 facts about a topic (with 1-3 details about each fact,) and include some closure. (7ish sentences)
  - named topic in the beginning & gets reader's attention
  - told about different parts on different pages (part by part) (3-5 pages)
  - wrote an ending
  - used some form of labels and words to give facts
  - used strategies such as word chunks & word wall to try to spell words
  - used spaces between words, capital letters, ending punctuation, and commas in dates & lists
- -Summative based on Lucy Calkins rubric & proficient examples.

#### Pre-assessment Plan:

-Give students a page with a writing box and lines. Don't give much information, just ask them to write about penguins or polar bears. Ask for 5 sentences. Use the pre-assessment to determine where students are currently and where we need to already begin re-teaching and enriching.

#### Tentative Date for Formative/Summative:

- Pre-assessment:
  - o give during the week of January 20-24
- CFA 1:
  - o teach week of 1/27 & 2/3 complete CFA by 2/12 for analysis on 2/18
  - LEARNING TARGETS:
    - ELA: I can write facts about a topic.
    - ELA: I can draw and label pictures to match my facts.
    - Social Studies: I can explain how people work to earn income.
  - CFA: What are different ways that people earn income? What careers do people have? What do they do as part of that career? Choose 3-5 ways that people earn income. Write at least one fact about each way.
  - RETEACH: During these two weeks continue to re-teach as needed for complete sentence, capitalization, and punctuation based on pre-assessment data and data from L1i.

- EXTEND: Challenge students to include more details/facts about ways to earn income. Use data from pre-assessment to determine who is ready for extension.
- CFA 2: Seasons
  - Complete CFA by 3/2 for analysis on 3/3
  - CFA: What are the seasons like? Write at least two facts about each season.
  - LEARNING TARGETS: (to be determined based on CFA 1 data)
  - o RETEACH:
  - EXTEND:
- CFA 3: Weather (types of weather) (extension on extreme weather & water cycle)
- CFA 4: Animals
- CFA 5: Plants
- Summative: give by end of April

## Mini-lessons

### Before CFA #1

- Fact vs. Opinion
- Tree Map for Planning
- Non-Fiction Text Features (pictures with labels/captions)
- Coreers