

Building Foundations That Last
Second Grade Opinion Model Planning Form

Date: February

Quarterly Benchmark: Q3

Topic: Favorite season **Audience:** Second Grade Writers **Purpose:** Share opinion

Standards & Curriculum Connection:

1.W.1 Opinion Writing

Reach – Unit 5 – Why is Nature Always Changing (Background – Notes from student selected seasonal changes informational piece)

Grammar – Complete sentences and compound sentences

Phonics – Read and spell words with vowel digraph /ou/

Vocabulary – seasons, weather, winter

Process

- Uses an organized plan (I/B/C)
- Plans with opinion words
- Identifies a topic, purpose and specific reader for piece

Surface Features

- Spells unknown words using knowledge of word structures
- Uses a variety of punctuation including apostrophes and commas

Content

- Writing is logically sequenced within intro, body, conclusion
- Writes an opinion with supporting reasons in response to a topic, text or source

Background Information - We have been reading about how nature is always changing and how the seasons and weather change. I am going to write my opinion about my favorite season of the year – winter.

Introduction (Topic, Hook, Opinion)

- Favorite season, without a doubt – winter
- Excited

Body (Reasons, evidence from the source, elaboration)

Reason # 1

Weather adventure

Details/Evidence

- Wind, rain or snow
- Puddles or snowman

Reason # 2

Cold weather

Details/Evidence

- Frost on trees
- See breath

Reason #3

Bundling up

Details/Evidence

- Layers of clothes
- Protected

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Conclusion (Opinion wrap up)

- Gets dark early
- Unique weather

The Writing:

Without a doubt my favorite season of the year is winter! I can hardly contain my excitement knowing that winter is here. Every winter day can be a weather adventure. A blustery cold day might give way to a downpour or even a snowstorm. It is fun to look outside and wonder if we will be splashing in puddles or getting enough snow to make a snowman! Our winter days are shorter, and the weather gets colder. The frost on the grass and bare trees creates a beautiful winter wonderland. I love seeing my breath in the crisp morning air. Bundling up for the winter weather makes me feel cozy and warm. I know the layers of coats, boots, hats and gloves will protect me from the wild weather. Too bad it gets dark so early in the winter because I could spend countless hours outside. Nothing compares to our unique winter weather.