

# Fourth Grade

## Product Comparison



**Go ahead....SMILE.** Regardless of student performance levels or your degree of expertise in writing, we can meet you where you are. Our diverse curriculum options promote school-wide consistency without compromising teacher individuality. We also offer FREE consultation to assist you in choosing the programs best suited for your needs!

### Rapid Results



- ◆ Ideal for children entering fourth grade significantly below grade level (deficits in focus, organization, support, and conventions).
- ◆ Specifically designed as student test prep. Intensive, scripted lessons begin with second grade level writing skills. Expository and narrative concepts spiral, becoming more challenging as the weeks progress.
- ◆ Whole group instruction, one-on-one conferencing, and small skill groups (mini-lessons) incorporated.
- ◆ Ideal for new teachers without a strong writing background and/or new to fourth grade.
- ◆ Not intended for long-term school use (beyond 2 years), but appeals to Title I schools with high teacher turnover and high student transiency rates.
- ◆ The Writing Process, Writer's Workshop strategies, and 6 Traits are embedded right in the lessons, but students move briskly through the writing process each week for maximum prompt exposure – to ease test anxiety.
- ◆ 1 hour of daily writing based on suggested weekly prompt or student choice (from journal excerpt).

### The SMILE Writing Resource



- ◆ Whether students enter the grade level on grade level or below, this resource is perfect for the experienced, data-driven teacher desiring instructional flexibility. Recommended for teachers with evidence of prior measurable student writing success, strong classroom management skills and solid writing background knowledge (6 Traits, writing process, Writer's Workshop strategies).
- ◆ The data drives the instruction! Objective, genre and grade level specific rubrics pave the way.
- ◆ Provides over 900 pages of motivating mini-lessons to sustain a Writer's Workshop environment.
- ◆ Strong emphasis on the reading/writing connection, as teachers promote writing across the content areas.

Why does **SMILE** work? Each curriculum provides **Skill** based lessons that serve as 'tricks' behind the 6 Traits of writing. Activities are **Motivational**, appealing to the Multiple Intelligences and incorporate **Instructional** strategies derived from Writer's Workshop. The writing process serves as a backbone for the expository and narrative **Lesson Plans**, which are standards-based and delivered through whole group, one-on-one conferencing, and/or in small skill group (mini-lesson) instruction. **Evaluation** is both collaborative and self-reflective, as students analyze writing with genre-specific checklists and/or our skill based, grade appropriate, analytical rubrics. Regardless of the SMILE program that you choose, your students will **SMILE** as they write and you will **SMILE** at their results!