

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Common Core ELA Mentor/Read-Aloud Texts (Oakland Schools)

Writing	Reading
<p><b>Unit Title: Personal Narrative</b></p> <p><b>Mentor Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Shortcut</i>, Donald Crews</li> <li>2. <i>Bigmama's</i>, Donald Crews</li> <li>3. <i>Fireflies!</i>, Julie Brinkloe</li> </ol> <p>Excerpts from the following texts are included in this unit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Peter's Chair</i>, Ezra Jack Keats</li> <li>2. <i>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Mellon</i>, Patty Lovell</li> <li>3. <i>Tar Beach</i>, Faith Ringgold</li> </ol>	<p><b>Unit Title: Reading with Independence</b></p> <p><b>Mentor Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>, by Kate DiCamillo, 2009 paperback edition</li> <li>2. <i>Shortcut</i>, Donald Crews</li> <li>3. <i>Peter's Chair</i>, Ezra Jack Keats</li> <li>4. <i>Fireflies</i>, Julie Brinkloe</li> </ol>
<p><b>Unit Title: Personal Narrative Writing with Fluency</b></p>	<p><b>Unit Title: Understanding Characters</b></p>
<p><b>Mentor Text:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>, Kate DiCamillo</li> </ol>	<p><b>Read-Aloud Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>, by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>2. <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>, by Kate DiCamillo</li> </ol>
<p><b>Unit Title: Personal Essay</b></p> <p><b>Mentor Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul 2</i>, Jack Canfield, et.al.</li> <li>2. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>, Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>3. <i>Fireflies</i>, Julie Brinkloe</li> <li>4. <i>Shortcut</i>, Donald Crews</li> <li>5. <i>Peter's Chair</i>, Ezra Jack Keats</li> </ol>	<p><b>Unit Title: Reading in Book Clubs: Mystery Series</b></p> <p><b>Read-Aloud Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Nate the Great and Me: The Case of the Fleeing Fang</i>, by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat</li> <li>2. At least one other Nate the Great mystery</li> </ol> <p>Read-Alouds were not recommended in most current version of this unit.</p>
<p><b>Unit Title: Writing Realistic Fiction</b></p>	
<p><b>Mentor Text:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Amelia's Road</i>, Linda Jacobs Altman</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>Unit Title: Nonfiction Reading with Independence</b></p> <p><b>Read-Aloud Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Cheetahs (True Books)</i>, Ann O. Squire</li> <li>2. <i>The Moon Seems to Change (Let's-Read-And-Find-Out Science)</i>, Franklyn M. Branley</li> <li>3. <i>The Moon Book</i>, Gail Gibbons</li> <li>4. <i>The Moon (True Books)</i>, Elaine Landau</li> <li>5. <i>Sun, Moon and Stars (Usborne Beginners)</i>, Stephanie Turnbull</li> </ol>
<p><b>Unit Title: Nonfiction Writing with Independence</b></p>	
<p><b>Mentor Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Firefighters</i>, Katie Daynes</li> <li>2. <i>Ballet</i>, Susan Meredith</li> <li>3. <i>Cats</i>, Anna Milbourne</li> <li>4. <i>Sun, Moon and Stars</i>, Stephanie Turnbull</li> </ol>	