

Creative Writing 6th Grade Curriculum Mapping and Alignment to State Standards 2008/2009

First Week/Introduction

Illinois Standards

Introduction: What is creative writing? Creative Journal writing/free writing, course structure, etc

September

Unit:	Intro. To writing/ description/poetry
Concepts/Skills:	poetic devices, descriptive language, auto-biographical writing
Project:	“lemon writing” activity, creative writing with newspaper photos, “life’s little instruction book” project, poetry writing
Assessment:	assess each project using appropriate rubrics (teacher and student designed)
Technology integration:	word processing, image blender, picture importing
Resources:	Internet lessons, “teaching terrific writing” workbook
Materials to be used:	journals, photos, examples of creative, “life’s little instruction book” samples.

October

Unit:	Intro. to story writing
Concepts/Skills:	character/plot development, types of fiction, writing styles
Project:	collaborative stories, “what would happen if...” creative writing assignment, developing a mystery or comedy