Kindergarten Pacing Guide

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Given the diversity of kindergarten classrooms, we have not developed a standardized pacing guide. Instead, we encourage teachers to select the sections that best align with their students' needs, whether that means completing all lessons or implementing only a targeted subset. Each lesson will take 15-20 minutes to complete.

SECTION 1: Oral Storytelling

SECTION 2: Writing a Complete Sentence

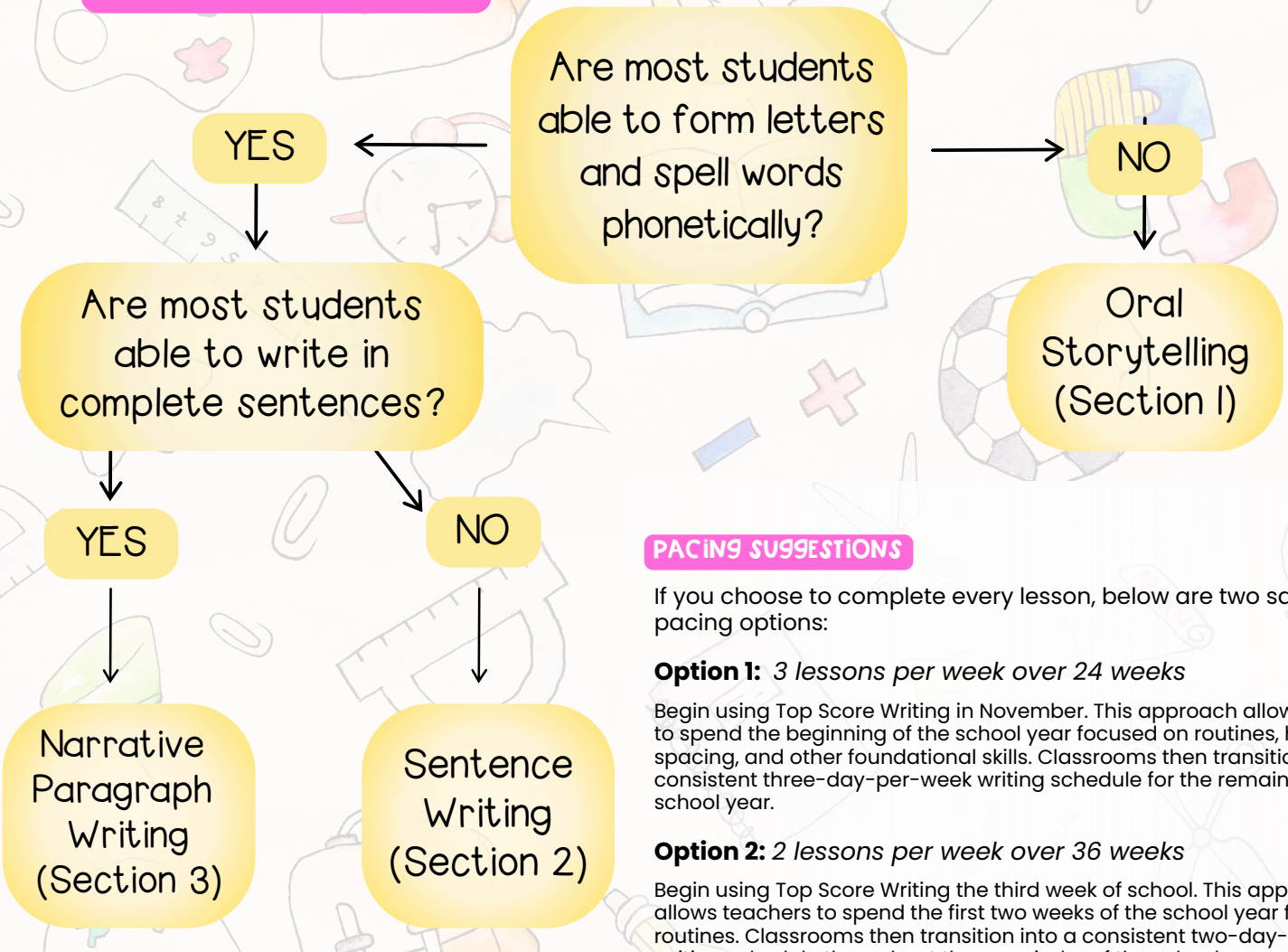
SECTION 3: Writing a Narrative Paragraph

SECTION 4: Writing an Informative or Opinion Paragraph

SECTION 5: Additional Activities & Strategies

*For the first 23 lessons, students participate in oral practice only. Written work does not begin until Lesson 24.

WHERE TO BEGIN?



PACING SUGGESTIONS

If you choose to complete every lesson, below are two sample pacing options:

Option 1: *3 lessons per week over 24 weeks*

Begin using Top Score Writing in November. This approach allows teachers to spend the beginning of the school year focused on routines, handwriting, spacing, and other foundational skills. Classrooms then transition into a consistent three-day-per-week writing schedule for the remainder of the school year.

Option 2: *2 lessons per week over 36 weeks*

Begin using Top Score Writing the third week of school. This approach allows teachers to spend the first two weeks of the school year focused on routines. Classrooms then transition into a consistent two-day-per-week writing schedule throughout the remainder of the school year.