

K-2 Multi-Grade BRIDGE: First Grade *Pathways* Introduction

We are excited to offer the K-2 Multi-grade BRIDGE: First Grade *Pathways*!

This K-2 Multi-grade BRIDGE resource is phase 2 of a 3-part project, which is based on the same idea and purpose of the first K-2 BRIDGE curriculum resource, which was developed to provide a bridge from the Kindergarten *Stepping Stones* to *Pathways* grades 1 and 2.

The K-2 BRIDGE (**B**uilding **R**esources for **I**nstructional **D**esigning of **G**REAT **E**ducation), is a standards-based K–2 multi-grade unit resource, that focuses on differentiating the instruction and activities of the *Pathways*, grade 1, to make it possible for the K-2 educator to utilize the *Pathways*, grade 1 materials with the whole class, by differentiating the existing lessons and activities, and by creating new activities in order to foster a more seamless, creative, and time-efficient organization of the teaching and learning in the K-2 ELA classroom.

As *Pathways* grade 1 is in fact an English & Language Arts resource, this project is simpler than the first phase in its scope and depth. It provides a bridge between *Pathways* grade 1, to kindergarten and second grade ELA teaching and learning. We have utilized the *Pathways*, grade 1, and have developed lessons and activities that augment, stretch, or modify the scope of learning and teaching to meet the needs of the students in the K-2 classrooms.

This resource addresses the areas of Word Study, Reading Workshop, and Writing Workshop. The Phonological Awareness/Phonics pieces are left to the educators to use their grade level appropriate programs at their schools. More directions are included in the resource itself.

There are nine themes in the *Pathways*, grade 1. Each theme has an anchor text and one or more paired texts that form the basis of a 4-week unit of study.

We hope that educators will find this to be a useful companion as they plan and design GREAT education for the students they serve in the K-2 ELA classrooms.