

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

LANGUAGE ARTS

GRADE 4

For each of the sections that follow, students may be required to understand, apply, analyze, evaluate or create the particular concepts being taught.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Fourth Grade English Language Arts Curriculum will focus on five areas that are directly related to the Pennsylvania Core Standards. These include Literature and Informational text, Writing, Grammar, and Text Dependent Analysis or TDA's. Students will read and respond to works of literature and informational text, with emphasis on comprehension, making connections among ideas and between texts with a focus on textual evidence. Students will write for different purposes and audiences, focusing specifically on conveying a well defined perspective and appropriate content. More specifically, the students will write Narratives, Opinion, Informational, and Text Dependent pieces. Through this they will demonstrate a grade appropriate command of the English language in regard to grammar and mechanics.

STUDY SKILLS

- Maintain a Reader's Notebook of Literature, Informational, and Grammar skills.
- Engage in the Writing Process from drafting to final copy.
- Complete assignments in preparation for upcoming assessments.
- Apply prior knowledge to new knowledge in order to be successful in regards to fourth grade expectations.

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

1. Reading Literature

- Point of View
- Figurative Language
- Elements of a Novel
- Theme
- Summarizing
- Inferencing
- Types of Conflict
- Text Structure and Author's Purpose
- Drama
- Key Ideas and Details
- Vocabulary

2. Informational Text

- Craft and Structure
- Make Connections Within, Between, and Among Texts
- Vocabulary and Figurative Language

3. Writing and Grammar

- Opinion, Narrative, Informational, TDA
- Relative Pronouns and Adverbs
- Progressive Verb Tenses
- Modal Auxiliaries
- Ordering Adjectives
- Prepositional Phrases
- Complete Sentences, Fragments, and Run-Ons
- Frequently Confused Words
- Subject/Verb and Pronoun/Antecedent Agreement
- Proper Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling

4. Spelling and Phonics

- Short and Long Vowels
- Homophones
- Compound Words
- Words with –ed and –ing Endings
- Prefixes and Suffixes
- Vowel/Consonant Patterns
- Frequently Misspelled Words
- Ending Sounds
- Three Syllable Words
- McMurray Required Words

MATERIALS (and Supplemental materials used in course):

- *The One and Only Ivan- Katherine Applegate*
- *The Remarkable Benjamin Franklin- Cheryl Harness*
- *The Tale of Despereaux- Kate Dicamillo*
- *Turtle in Paradise- Jennifer L. Holm*
- *Let's Target Grammar- Level 4- Sadlier Grammar Workshop*
- *Spelling and Vocabulary- Words for Readers and Writers- Houghton Mifflin*
- 4 binders containing all supplemental worksheets and assessments
- *Scholastic News*
- *ReadWorks.org – Supplemental non-fiction passages*
- *Movie- Kit Kittredge: An American Girl- G*
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing- Read Aloud- Judy Blume*