

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE (CBK)

LANGUAGE ARTS

FIRST GRADE

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: Language Arts in first grade focuses on developing foundational skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, spelling, vocabulary, fluency, grammar, and comprehension; developing skills to effectively communicate information, oral and written, with many audiences.

- Develop the foundational skills of literacy in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, word recognition, and fluency
- Balance informational and literary texts
- Build content knowledge and academic vocabulary
- Provide texts with appropriate and increasing complexity, teaching how to access complex text
- Use text-dependent questions so reading and writing are grounded in the text
- Provide phonics, phonemic awareness, grammar, and spelling instruction to support literacy
- Use Close Reading as a strategy to dig deep into a text and to reread for different purposes
- Provide opportunities for shared, interactive, and independent writing to model and use strategies and skills for the integration of reading and writing to sources.
- Provide opportunities for collaborative conversations so students learn from each other, collaborate, and support their answers with text evidence.

STUDY SKILLS

Vocabulary: Theme related, Oral vocabulary and High-frequency words, Strategies for Multiple Meaning Words, Shades of meaning/Intensity, Prefixes, Suffixes, Inflectional Endings.

Reading comprehension strategies: Visualize, Ask and Answer questions, Make and confirm predictions, Reread, Main topic and Key details.

Reading comprehension skills: Character, Setting, Events, Main Topic and Idea, Key details, Plot, Text Connections, Compare and Contrast, Sequence, Point of view, Cause and Effect, Problem and Solution.

Genre: Realistic fiction, Fantasy, Informational text/Nonfiction, Play, Folktale, Biography.

Fluency: Phrasing and Intonation, Expression, Skills of Dialog.

Phonological Awareness: Rhyme, Alliteration, Phoneme isolation, Phoneme blending, Phoneme segmentation, Phoneme categorization, Phoneme identity, Phoneme substitution, Phoneme addition, Phoneme categorization, Phoneme deletion, Phoneme Reversal and Contrast vowel sounds, Syllable Addition and Deletion.

Phonics/Spelling: Short vowels, Long Vowels, Blends, Diagraphs, Irregular Vowel Patterns, Variant vowels, Silent Letters, Three letter Blends.

Structural Analysis: Inflectional endings, Double final consonants, Plural nouns, Alphabetical order, Possessives, Contractions, Open/Closed syllables, Prefixes, Compound Words, Irregular Plurals, Abbreviations, Final Stable Syllables.

Writing skills: Write to sources

Trait: Ideas and Organization, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Voice.

Grammar skills: Sentences, Word order, Statements, Questions, Exclamations, Writing sentences, Nouns, Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Prepositions, Pronouns.

Mechanics: Capitalization and Punctuation, Question and Exclamation Marks, Commas in a series, Commas in dates and letters, Contractions, Apostrophes, Underlining, Abbreviations.

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

1. **Unit 1** "What makes you special?"
 - At School
 - Where I Live
 - Our Pets
 - Let's Be Friends
 - Let's Move.

2. **Unit 2** "What makes community?"
 - Jobs Around Town
 - Buildings All Around
 - A Community in Nature
 - Let's Help
 - Follow the Map.

3. **Unit 3** "What can happen over time?"
 - What Time is it?
 - Watch it Grow
 - Tales Over Time
 - Now and Then
 - From Farm to Table.

4. **Unit 4** "Animals Everywhere".
 - Animal Features
 - Animals Together
 - In the Wild
 - Insects
 - Working with Animals.

5. **Unit 5** "How can we make sense out of the world around us?".
 - See It
 - Sort It
 - Up in the Sky
 - Great Inventions
 - Sounds All Around
 - Build It!

6. **Unit 6** "How does teamwork help us"
 - Taking Action
 - My Team
 - Weather Together
 - Sharing Traditions
 - Celebrate America.

MATERIALS (and Supplemental materials used in course):

McGraw Hill Reading Wonders 1st Grade - 2017 Copyright

Wonders Reading/Writing Workshop Book

Wonders Literature Anthology

Wonders Literature Big Books

Wonders Close Reading Companion

Wonders Your Turn practice books

Wonders fiction and nonfiction leveled readers

Wonders decodable readers

Wonders Interactive Read-Aloud Cards

Wonders Teaching posters, leveled workstation activity cards, retelling cards, visual vocabulary cards, sound-spelling cards, high frequency word cards, and photo cards

www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com for digital resources and interactive activities that support daily instruction

K-3 Shared folder on the N drive - Wonders 1st grade resources

The Phonics Dance - Ginny McDowd

Phonics Poems - Ginny McDowd

Scholastic News - Paper and Online Editions

Discovery Education online - content and skill related videos and video clips

School Library books, Videos/DVDs and Teacher Resources listed on the N drive under BH and PV

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