

First Semester (17 Weeks)			
Wk	Sunday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	9/12/10	Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Traits: Ideas and Organization</i> - Idea organizers: webs, lists, images, etc. - Go over the seven story elements in narrative writing	Vocab 1
2	9/19/10	Quiz: Vocab 1 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Traits: Word Choice and Sentence Fluency</i> - Differences between expository and narrative writing; Transitions	Vocab 2
3	9/26/10	Quiz: Vocab 2 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Traits: Voice and Conventions</i> - Narrative writing; Peer edit writing	Vocab 3; Journal Entry 1 (Expository)
4	10/3/10	Quiz: Vocab 3 Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: "Bradley the Brave Country Mouse"</i> worksheet - Identify the elements of the story	Vocab 4
5	10/10/10	Test 1 (Writing/Editing and Vocab 4) Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: "Hannah's History Surprise"</i> worksheet	Vocab 5
6	10/17/10	Quiz: Vocab 5 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - Sensory writing - Writing Prompt: Favorite fruit	Vocab 6; Journal Entry 2 (Descriptive)
7	10/24/10	Quiz: Vocab 6 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 7
8	10/31/10 Halloween	Quiz: Vocab 7 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Traits: Word Choice and Voice</i> - Write a Halloween story (funny, scary...)	Vocab 8
9	11/7/10	Quiz: Vocab 8 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 9
10	11/14/10	Test 2 (Reading Comprehension and Vocab 9) Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 10; Journal Entry 3 (Informative)
Thanksgiving Break 11/21			
11	11/28/10	Quiz: Vocab 10 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 11

		<i>Writing – Dream Quest One Writing Contest</i> (Brainstorm writing ideas for each student)	
12	12/5/10	Quiz: Vocab 11 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 12
13	12/12/10	Quiz: Vocab 12 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 13; Journal Entry 4 (Christmas)
Christmas Break 12/19, New Year Break 12/26			
14	1/2/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Go over standard essay form - Brainstorm ideas and write outlines	Vocab 14
15	1/9/11	Quiz: Vocab 14 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Write and peer edit essays	Vocab 15
16	1/16/11	Quiz: Vocab 15 Language Arts worksheets <i>Review for test</i>	Vocab 16; Journal Entry 5 (Winter Vacation)
17	1/23/11	Test 3 (Writing and Vocab 16) Incorporate Six Traits 1. Ideas – well-defined topic, details 2. Organizations – strong intro, logical sequence, good transitions, powerful conclusion 3. Voice – engaging, personal style 4. Word Choice 5. Sentence Fluency – strong, well-crafted, and varied sentences 6. Conventions – Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, Capitalization Language Arts worksheets	Prepare Introduction Speech (Informative Speech Worksheet)
Second Semester (17 Weeks)			
Wk	Sunday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	1/30/11	Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> - Present introduction speeches - Lesson: Basic Speech Outline	Vocab 1; Prepare Demonstrative Speech (Demonstrative Speech Worksheet)
2	2/6/11	Quiz: Vocab 1 Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> - Present demonstrative speeches	Vocab 2

Winter Break 2/13/11			
3	2/20/11	Quiz: Vocab 2 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Persuasive (in preparation for state exams)	Vocab 3; Journal Entry 1 (Persuasive)
4	2/27/11	Quiz: Vocab 3 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Peer edit persuasive essays	Vocab 4
5	3/6/11	Quiz: Vocab 4 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 5
6	3/13/11	Quiz: Vocab 5 Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> - Lesson: Detailed Speech Outline - Persuasive Speech	Vocab 6; Prepare Persuasive Speech (Persuasive Speech Worksheet)
7	3/20/11	Quiz: Vocab 6 Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> Test 4 (Speech) - Present persuasive speeches	Vocab 7; Journal Entry 2 (Free Write)
8	3/27/11	Quiz: Vocab 7 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 8
9	4/3/11	Quiz: Vocab 8 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 9
Spring Break 4/10/11			
10	4/17/11	Quiz: Vocab 9 Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading: Literature and Poetry</i> - Write summary of story or poems read in class	Vocab 10; Journal Entry 3 (Short story or Poem)
11	4/24/11	Quiz: Vocab 10 Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading: Plays</i>	Vocab 11
12	5/1/11	Quiz: Vocab 11 Language Arts worksheets <i>Reader's Theater: Worksheet</i>	Vocab 12
13	5/8/11	Quiz Vocab 12 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Create a short play and perform it	Vocab 13; Journal Entry 4 (Mother's Day)
14	5/15/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i>	Vocab 14

		- Student interviews	
15	5/22/11	Quiz: Vocab 14 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Write on topic of student's choice	Vocab 15
16	5/29/11	Quiz: Vocab 15 Language Arts worksheets <i>Review for test</i>	Vocab 16; Journal Entry 5 (Last Day of School)
17	6/5/11	Test 5 (Reading, Writing and, Vocab 16) Party and Games/Awards	

****NOTE: TESTS ARE CUMULATIVE.**

First section: Review of past materials

Second section: Recently learned material

ONGOING PROJECTS

1. **Spelling/Vocabulary** – 10 new words a week; cumulative quizzes once a month (total: 5 quizzes)
 - *Purpose* – For students to accurately apply more sophisticated language skills in their writing
 - *Goal* – To expand the vocabulary knowledge of students
2. **Connections** – Art, Math, Music, P.E., Health, Science, Social Studies.
 - *Purpose* – For students to recognize the importance of writing and language arts skills outside of essays and basic classroom activities
 - *Goal* – To apply the writing skills students learn in the classroom to other academic disciplines
3. **Newspaper Exposure** – <http://www.newspaperforkids.com/> (*Children's BBC, Kids Science News, News by CNN*)
 - *Purpose:* To expose students to real-world events and news article writing.
 - *Goals:*
 - (1) To train kids to recognize parts of speech, main ideas, specific facts, and fact vs. opinion in news articles
 - (2) To gauge and improve students' understanding of factual news articles

WRITING AND POETRY CONTESTS

- Publish essays and winner's photo on website
 - Create and publish book of students' work
- **End of Program: Three awards given to exceptional writers**



2010-2011 Writing+ W3 (G6-8) Content

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The Dream Quest One Poetry & Writing Contest

Deadline (bi-annual): July 31 and December 31

Writing Prizes: First Prize: \$500; Second Prize: \$250; Third Prize: \$100

Poetry Prizes: First Prize: \$250; Second Prize: \$125; Third Prize: \$50

Entry fees: (Writing) \$10 per short story; (Poetry) \$5 per poem

Scholastics: Kids Are Authors – open to Grades K-8, work in teams of three or more to write/illustrate their own book

Deadline: March 15, 2010

Prizes: \$5000 in merchandise from the Scholastic Book Fairs; 100 copies of their book