# LaGrange School District 105 5th Grade English Language Art Curriculum

#### **Statement of English Language Arts Philosophy**

Language Arts includes reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, and the study of literature. A language rich environment combines these skills while promoting a child's appreciation and enjoyment of the learning process. In order to provide for the integration of the language arts in a reading program, a holistic and relevant approach is needed to meet a child's developmental level. An appropriate balance of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking will ultimately foster a successful, productive learning environment.

# **Instructional Practices in English Language Arts Education**

#### Grades K - 8

#### English Language Arts Classroom Practices:

- Address explicit, sequential instruction of foundational skills--specifically in grades K-5-- to ensure a continuum of literacy learning in all grades.
- ELA Classroom Structures
- Structure blocks of time devoted to guided, collaborative, and independent student literacy experiences.
- Develop a common language for literacy instruction across all grade levels.
- Apply literacy skills in increasingly authentic, complex, and varied purposes.
- Embrace innovative technologies that enhance the learning experience.
- Guide and differentiate instruction in response to ongoing assessments, feedback, and goal setting by teachers, peers, and self.
- Facilitate student-driven instruction, collaboration and discussions: brainstorming, reflective listening, conferencing.
- Encourage high-level thinking through questioning (i.e., Webb's "Depth of Knowledge").
- Reading
- Provide access to authentic, quality texts at differentiated levels.
- Increase, gradually and incrementally, the emphasis on informational literacy within the English language arts class and across content areas.
- Provide explicit, integrated skill instruction and modeling for balanced literacy components in varied genres: reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing.
- Teach and reinforce strategies such as predicting, summarizing, visualizing, inferring, connecting, questioning, and close reading.
- Provide explicit, integrated instruction of metacognitive strategies such as predicting, summarizing, visualizing, inferring, connecting, questioning, and close reading.
- Instruct in all text types and genres (i.e., fiction, drama, poetry, primary/ secondary sources, speeches, political cartoons, media, digital text... etc.) as students progress from grade-to-grade.
- Writing
- Guide writing instruction using writing traits such as ideas, organization, word choice, sentence fluency, voice, and conventions.
- Write OPINION/ARGUMENTATIVE, INFORMATIVE, and NARRATIVE focused pieces with increased sophistication.
- Implement a variety of flexible student groupings for literacy experiences: read alouds, guided reading, shared reading, book talks, and written work.
- Encourage use of evidence from literary and informational texts to support students' interpretations and opinions.
- Model and promote information literacy to increase student skills in analyzing and evaluate sources for credibility, bias, purpose, and audience.

# Specific Student Groups K-8 Practices for continual student improvement in the English Language Arts classroom:

- Adapt New Illinois ELA Learning Standards to needs of English Language Learners, and measure their critical thinking skills without penalty for lack of experience with English.
- Support students with special needs as they experience the New Illinois ELA Learning Standards; align their IEP goals to grade level standard; and expose students to rich academic content.
- Ensure literacy instruction for highlyable students that honors their instructional entry points, and set and monitor related growth expectations.

# Common Core Standards Taught Throughout the Year

#### Reading Informational Text (RI) and Literature (RL)

#### **Key Ideas and Details**

- RL.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RL.5.2** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.
- RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

#### Craft and Structure

- RL.5.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- **RL.5.5** Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.
- **RL.5.6** Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described.

#### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RL.5.7 Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).
- RL.5.8 (RL.5.8 not applicable to literature)
- RL.5.9 Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.

## Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

**RL.5.10** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4-5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

# Reading Foundations Standards

# Phonics and Word Recognition

- **RF.5.3** Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
  - a) Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.

# Fluency

- RF.5.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
  - a) Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
  - b) Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
  - c) Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

#### Language Standards

#### Conventions of Standard English

- L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
  - a) Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.
  - b) Form and use the perfect (e.g., I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked) verb tenses.
  - c) Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.
  - d) Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.\*
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  - a) Use punctuation to separate items in a series.\*
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  - d) Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works.
  - e) Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

## Knowledge of Language

- L.5.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - a) Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
  - b) Compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., dialects, registers) used in stories, dramas, or poems.

#### Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

- **L.5.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
  - a) Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
  - b) Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).
  - c) Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
- L.5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
  - a) Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.
  - b) Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
  - c) Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.
- **L.5.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., however, although, nevertheless, similarly, moreover, in addition).

# **Speaking and Listening Standards**

# Comprehension and Collaboration

**SL.5.1** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 5 topics and texts*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

- a) Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
- b) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- c) Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
- d) Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.

**SL5.2** Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

**SL.5.3** Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.

#### Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

SL.5.4 Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.

SL.5.5 Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.

**SL.5.6** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 5 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)

# **ELA Unit 1:** Main Idea and Details Timing: August - October

#### **Essential Questions:**

# **Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:**

- What inferences can I draw based on evidence from the text?
- What role does background knowledge play in inferencing?
- How are observations and known information useful in making an inference?
- What words signal the reader to go beyond what is written to what is implied in the text?
- How do readers use text clues to make inferences?
- How do readers use background knowledge to make and confirm predictions?
- How do readers create meaning from informational text?
- What is this text really about?
- How do you use context clues to understand the meaning of unknown words?
- How do different text structures convey different information?

- How can a writer organize their ideas and information into a paragraph or multiple paragraph essay?
- Why does punctuation matter in a text?
- Why is it important to be able to summarize?

### Unit 1 ELA Common Core Standards FOCUS

# **Reading Informational Text and Literature**

#### **Key Ideas and Details**

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#### Craft and Structure

**RL.5.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.

**RL.5.5** Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.

# **Language**

#### Conventions of Standard English

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  - a) Use punctuation to separate items in a series.\*
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# Knowledge of Language

- L.5.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - a) Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
  - b) Compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., dialects, registers) used in stories, dramas, or poems.

# Speaking and Listening

# Comprehension and Collaboration

**SL.5.3** Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

# **ELA Unit 2: Theme and Figurative Language**

**Timing: October - December** 

#### **Essential Questions:**

- What inferences can I draw based on evidence from the text?
- What role does background knowledge play in inferencing?
- How are observations and known information useful in making an inference?
- What words signal the reader to go beyond what is written to what is implied in the text?
- How do readers use text clues to make inferences?
- How do readers use background knowledge to make and confirm predictions?
- How does understanding theme impact the meaning of a story?
- How does being able to summarize a text aid in comprehension of the text?
- How does the use of figurative language improve one's writing?
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- Why do writers choose to use specific text structures in their writing?
- How does identifying a text's structure helps the reader better understand the text?
- Why do authors include visuals or multimedia elements in their writing?
- How does the writing process refine skills, increase confidence, and shape insight?
- How could placing punctuation incorrectly when quoting a text affect the strength of the argument?
- How does summarizing a text aid in comprehension?

# **Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:**

# Unit 2 ELA Common Core Standards FOCUS

# **Reading Informational Text and Literature**

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#### **ELA Unit 3: Author's Claim**

**Timing: December -**

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- How are observations and known information useful in making an inference?
- What words signal the reader to go beyond what is written to what is implied in the text?
- How do readers use text clues to make inferences?
- How do readers use background knowledge to make and confirm predictions?
- What makes a piece of evidence strong?
- How do readers create meaning from informational text?
- What is this text really about?
- How do you use context clues to understand the meaning of unknown words?
- What makes a strong piece of opinion writing?
- How does a writer organize his information to construct an opinion piece?
- How could placing punctuation incorrectly when quoting a text affect the strength of the argument ?
- What is this speech really about?
- Aside from speaking, what else should an effective presenter do when presenting?

# **Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:**

# Unit 3 ELA Common Core Standards FOCUS

## **READING INFORMATIONAL TEXTS**

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# **SPEAKING AND LISTENING**

# Comprehension and Collaboration

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# **ELA Unit 4: Point of View Timing:**

**Essential Questions:** 

# **Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:**

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## Unit 4 ELA Common Core Standards FOCUS

#### **READING INFORMATION TEXTS:**

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RL.5.9 Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.

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# **ELA Unit 5: Synthesizing Multiple Sources Timing:**

#### **Essential Questions:**

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# **Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:**

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# Unit 5 ELA Common Core Standards FOCUS

# **READING INFORMATION TEXTS:**

# **Key Ideas and Details**

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