

First Semester (17 weeks)			
Wk	Sunday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	9/12/10	Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Introductions - Cluster/web of ideas	Vocab 1
2	9/19/10	Quiz: Vocab 1 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Writing Plans - Free Write	Vocab 2
3	9/26/10	Quiz: Vocab 2 <i>Writing Types:</i> <i>Expository and Narrative writing</i>	Vocab 3; Journal Entry 1 (Narrative)
4	10/3/10	Quiz: Vocab 3 Language Arts worksheets Editing	Vocab 4
5	10/10/10	Quiz: Vocab 4 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Voice</i> - What is voice?	Vocab 5
6	10/17/10	Test 1 (and Vocab 5 Quiz) Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Voice</i> - Emotional Stories	Vocab 6; Journal Entry 2 (Point of View)
7	10/24/10	Quiz: Vocab 6 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> <i>PoV</i>	Vocab 7
8	10/31/10 Halloween	Quiz: Vocab 7 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Conventions</i> - Punctuation BINGO - Basic Essay format	Vocab 8
9	11/7/10	Quiz: Vocab 8 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Voice</i> - Emotions in Story Telling - Narrative writing in detail	Vocab 9; Journal Entry 3 (Memory)
10	11/14/10	Test 2 (and Vocab 9 Quiz) Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Sentence Fluency</i> - Sentence Structure Practice	Vocab 10

11	11/21/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 10 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - What is a hook? <i>Writing – Dream Quest One Writing Contest</i> (Brainstorm writing ideas for each student)</p>	Vocab 11
Thanksgiving Break 11/28			
12	12/5/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 11 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - How to write a thesis</p>	Vocab 12
13	12/12/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 12 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - What is a topic sentence - Concrete and detail sentences</p>	Vocab 13; Journal Entry 4 (Christmas)
14	12/19/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 13 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Go over prompt cues. - Read <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> - Describe one of the billy goats</p>	Vocab 14
Christmas Break 12/26, New Year Break 1/2/11			
15	1/9/11	<p>Quiz: Vocab 14 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Write about teacher-assigned topic</p>	Vocab 15
16	1/16/11	<p>Test 3 Part I (Reading) Incorporate Six Traits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Vocab 16
17	1/23/11	<p>Test 3 Part II (Listening & Writing) Language Arts worksheets Quiz: Vocab 16 Worksheets - In depth look at the six traits of good writing.</p>	

W1 Second Semester (17 weeks)			
Wk	Sunday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	1/30/11	Language Arts worksheets Public Presentations (Basic speech)	Vocab 1;
2	2/6/11	Quiz: Vocab 1 Language Arts worksheets Figurative Language (Similes, Metaphors, Personification, Hyperbole) Writing Stories using figurative language	Vocab 2
3	2/13/11	Quiz: Vocab 2 Language Arts worksheets Figurative Language (Review of last week's terms, and new terms: Symbol, Apostrophe, Alliteration, Onomatopoeia) Narrative terms Read aloud "The True Story of the Three Little Plays" and discussion about differences, etc. Sentence Types: Declarative, Interrogative, Exclamatory, Imperative	Vocab 3
4	2/20/11	Quiz: Vocab 3 Reading Comp. Went over last week's writing assignment using Fig. Lang. Lesson on Dialogue (what it is, punctuation)	Vocab 4
Winter Break 2/21/11 – 2/27/11			
5	3/6/11	Test 4 Part I and II (Reading, Listening & Writing)	Vocab 5 Language Arts worksheet
6	3/13/11	Quiz: Vocab 4 Root Words (3) Prefixes and Suffixes (5-7) (109-110 PES) Compound Words (9) (103 PES) Details & Main Idea (90-93 PES)	Vocab 6 Language Arts worksheet
7	3/20/11	Quiz: Vocab 5 Abbreviations (13) Review Section 1 (14-15) Commas (16-17)	Vocab 7 Language Arts worksheet
8	3/27/11	Quiz: Vocab 6 Subjects and Predicates (45) (41-44 PES) Review (52-53) Writing (54-55)	Vocab 8 Interview a family member
9	4/3/11	Quiz: Vocab 7 Reading Comprehension (56)	Vocab 9 Language Arts worksheet

		Exciting Moment (58) Compound (45-47 PES) Test (49-50) PES <i>Writing</i> - Students write biographies of their interviewed family member	
10	4/10/11	Test 5 (and Vocab 9 Quiz) Review: Writing (59) Writing: Beginning, Middle, End (60) Word order (48 PES)	Vocab 10 Language Arts worksheet
Spring Break 4/17/11, 4/18/11			
11	4/24/11	Quiz: Vocab 10 Capitalization (53-8 PES) Periods in Initials and Abbreviations (61, 81 PES) <i>Reading: Poetry</i>	Vocab 11 Language Arts worksheet
12	5/1/11	Quiz: Vocab 11 Commas (62-4 PES) Quotation Marks Review (65-66 PES) <i>Reader's Theater: Worksheet</i>	Vocab 12 Language Arts worksheet
13	5/8/11	Quiz: Vocab 12 Homophones (71 PES) Descriptive Language (82-86, 88 PES) <i>Writing</i> - Summarize literature read in class	Vocab 13 Language Arts worksheet
14	5/15/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Thank You Letter (94 PES) Proofreading (99-100 PES) <i>Writing</i> - Creative Writing	Vocab 14 Language Arts worksheet
15	5/22/11	Quiz: Vocab 14 Writing an Opinion (96-97 PES) Grammar Worksheets Reading	Vocab 15 Language Arts worksheet
16	5/29/11	Quiz: Vocab 15 Writing (101 PES) Spelling (104-108 PES) Syllables (111-112 PES) Review Paragraph Format Review Traits of Writing	Vocab 16 Writing (102 PES) Context Clues (117 PES)
17	6/5/11	Quiz: 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

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 published book