

First Semester (17 weeks)			
Wk	Date	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	9/12/10	Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Introductions - Titles, A Personal Narrative	Vocab 1
2	9/19/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 1</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Free Writing, Listing - Narrowing a Topic	Vocab 2; Journal Entry 1 (Free Write)
3	9/26/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 2</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Organization</i> - Writing Plans - Hooks	Vocab 3; Bring three items to next class
4	10/3/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 3</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Share items with class - Plan and organize essay about your items	Vocab 4; Essay about your three items
5	10/10/10	<b>Test 1 (Writing and Vocab 4)</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: "Favorite Friend, Not So Favorite Food"</i>	Vocab 5
6	10/17/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 5</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - Showing, Not Telling - Using Power Words, Adjectives	Vocab 6; Journal Entry 2 (Descriptive)
7	10/24/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 6</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: "A Sweet Choice"</i>	Vocab 7
8	10/31/10 <b>Halloween</b>	<b>Quiz: Vocab 7</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - Onomatopoeias: Those Crazy Sound Words	Vocab 8
9	11/7/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 8</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Voice</i> - Miss Ida's Porch	Vocab 9; Journal Entry 3 (Writing a Letter)
10	11/14/10	<b>Test 2 (Reading Comprehension and Vocab 9)</b>	Vocab 10

		Language Arts worksheets	
11	11/28/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 10</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing – Dream Quest One Writing Contest</i> (Brainstorm writing ideas for each student)	Vocab 11
<b>Thanksgiving Break 11/28</b>			
12	12/5/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 11</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Sentence Fluency</i> - Sentence Structure Practice, Triangles - Transitions, Developing Super Sentences	Vocab 12
13	12/12/10	<b>Quiz: Vocab 12</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing Trait: Conventions</i> - Punctuation End Marks, Pass It On - Working with Spelling Strategies	Vocab 13; Journal Entry 4 (Christmas)
14	1/2/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 13</b> Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 14
<b>Christmas Break 12/26, New Year Break 1/2/11</b>			
15	1/9/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 14</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - What is Expository Writing? (instructional vs. informative)	Vocab 15
16	1/16/11	<b>Midterm: Test 3 (Writing and Vocab 16)</b> Incorporate <b>Six Traits</b> 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  Language Arts worksheets	
17	1/23/11	Test 3 Part II (Listening & Writing) <b>Quiz: Vocab 15</b> <b>Language Arts worksheets</b>	Prepare Introduction Speech (Informative Speech Worksheet)
<b>Second Semester (17 weeks)</b>			
<b>Wk</b>	<b>Sun-Mon</b>	<b>Lesson Plan</b>	<b>Assignment</b>

1	1/30/11 1/31/11	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 2/7/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 1</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> - Present demonstrative speeches	Vocab 2
3	2/13/11 2/14/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 2</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Persuasive essays (in preparation for state exams)	Vocab 3
4	2/20/11 2/28/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 3</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Editing</i> - Peer edit persuasive essays	Vocab 4
<b>Winter Break 2/21/11 – 2/27/11</b>			
5	3/6/11 3/7/11	<b>Test 4 Part I and III (Reading &amp; Writing)</b> <b>Quiz: Vocab 4</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: Persuasive Essays</i> - Review main ideas and answer essay reading questions	Vocab 5
6	3/13/11 3/14/11	<b>Test 4 Part II (Listening &amp; Writing)</b> <b>Quiz: Vocab 5</b> 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 3/21/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 6</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> <b>Test 4 (Speech)</b> - Present Persuasive Speech	Vocab 7
8	3/27/11 3/28/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 7</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Write on teacher-assigned topic	Vocab 8
9	4/3/11 4/4/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 8</b> Language Arts worksheets - Write on topic of student's choice	Vocab 9

10	4/10/11 4/11/11	<b>Test 5 Part I and III (Reading &amp; Writing)</b> <b>Quiz: Vocab 9</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading: Children's Literature</i> - Fractured Fairy Tales	Vocab 10
<b>Spring Break 4/17/11, 4/18/11</b>			
11	4/24/11 4/25/11	<b>Test 5 Part II (Listening &amp; Writing)</b> <b>Quiz: Vocab 10</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading: Poetry</i> - Write free verse poetry	Vocab 11
12	5/1/11 5/2/11	<b>Test 5</b> <b>Quiz: Vocab 11</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reader's Theater: Worksheet</i>	Vocab 12
13	5/8/11 5/9/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 12</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Reading Comprehension: "Press on or Pass?"</i>	Vocab 13
14	5/15/11 5/16/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 13</b> Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 14
15	5/22/11 5/23/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 14</b> Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Create a character chart and report on it	Vocab 15
16	5/29/11 <b>5/30/11</b>	<b>Quiz: Vocab 15</b> Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 16
17	6/5/11 6/6/11	<b>Quiz: Vocab 16</b> 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



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