

First Semester (17 Weeks)			
Wk	Friday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	9/10/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Nathan Hale" reading and questions - Writing prompt: What is your favorite thing about school? - Idea organizers: webs, lists, images, etc. - Go over Vocab List 1; students write sentences using the vocab. words 	Vocab 1
2	9/17/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September Analogies worksheet - Differences between expository and narrative writing; discuss transitions with "Using Transitions in Writing" lesson plan - Go over Vocab List 2; students write sentences using the vocab. words - "Armadillos" reading and questions 	Vocab 2
3	9/24/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the seven story elements in narrative writing - Students write short story using as many story elements as they can - Go over Vocab List 3; students write sentences - Assign expository prompt (choosing free toys) 	Vocab 3; Journal Entry 1 (Expository)
4	10/1/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spelling worksheets p. 1-6 - "Bradley the Brave Country Mouse" - identify story elements in excerpt; finish the story - Write sentences for Vocab list 4 	Vocab 4
5	10/8/10	<p>Test 1 (Writing/Editing and Vocab 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Hannah's History Surprise" worksheet - Answer questions and finish the story using provided sheets 	Vocab 5; write vocabulary sentences
6	10/15/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October Analogies Sheet #3 - Sensory writing - In-class prompt: Favorite fruit - Sentences for Vocab 6 	Vocab 6; Journal Entry 2 (Descriptive)
7	10/22/10	<p>Quiz: Vocab 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-class prompt: Summary of day or week; peer-edit summaries - "Florida Becomes Part of the U.S." reading 	Vocab 7

		- Sentences for Vocab 7	
8	10/29/10	Quiz: Vocab 7 October Analogies Sheet #2 <i>Writing Traits: Word Choice and Voice</i> - Write a Halloween story (funny, scary...) - Sentences for Vocab 8	Vocab 8
9	11/5/10	Quiz: Vocab 8 - Punctuation, capitalization, and sentences worksheets - Sentences for Vocab 9	Vocab 9
10	11/12/10	Test 2 (Reading Comprehension and Vocab 9) Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 10; Journal Entry 3 (Informative)
11	11/19/10	Quiz: Vocab 10 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing – Dream Quest One Writing Contest</i> (Brainstorm writing ideas for each student)	Vocab 11
Thanksgiving Break 11/26			
12	12/3/10	Quiz: Vocab 11 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing – work on drafting and revising entries for Dream Quest One Writing Contest</i>	Vocab 12
13	12/10/10	Quiz: Vocab 12 Language Arts worksheets	Vocab 13; Journal Entry 4 (Christmas)
14	12/17/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Go over standard essay form - Brainstorm ideas and write outlines	Vocab 14
Christmas Break 12/24, New Year Break 12/31			
15	1/7/11	Quiz: Vocab 14 Language Arts worksheets <i>Writing</i> - Write and peer edit essays	Vocab 15
16	1/14/11	Test 3 Part I and III (Reading & Writing) 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,	Journal Entry 5 (Winter Vacation)

		and varied sentences 6. Conventions – Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, Capitalization	
17	1/21/11	Test 3 Part II (Listening & Writing) Language Arts worksheets Quiz: Vocab 15	Vocab 16;
W3 Second Semester (17 Weeks)			
Wk	Sun-Mon	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	1/30/11 1/31/11	Language Arts worksheets <i>Public Speaking</i> - Present Persuasive speeches - Lesson: Basic Speech Outline - Introduce Demonstrative, Persuasive outlines	Vocab 1 - G7L12 Prepare Introduction Speech (Informative Speech Worksheet)
2	2/6/11 2/7/11	Quiz: Vocab 1 Daily Oral Language proofreading (DOL) Present speech outlines Idioms + game - Appositives + exercise	Vocab 2 - G7L13 Language Arts worksheets
3	2/13/11 2/14/11	Quiz: Vocab 2 Daily Oral Language proofreading (DOL) Narrative lesson, exercise, and in-class writing assignment	Vocab 3 - G7L14 Language Arts worksheets
4	2/20/11 2/28/11	Quiz: Vocab 3 Narrative review In-class writing: persuasive essay	Vocab 4 - G7L15 Language Arts worksheets
Winter Break 2/21/11 – 2/27/11			
5	3/6/11 3/7/11	Quiz: Vocab 4 Test 4 Part I and III (Reading & Writing)	Vocab 5 - G7L16 Language Arts worksheets
6	3/13/11 3/14/11	Test 4 Part II (Listening & Writing) Quiz: Vocab 5 Parliamentary Debating	Vocab 6 - G7L17 Debate outline/ W3R6Sp-P110-111
7	3/20/11 3/21/11	Quiz: Vocab 6 Audience (12) Active Voice (20)	Vocab 7 - G7L18 W3R6Sp-P112-115
8	3/27/11 3/28/11	Quiz: Vocab 7 Spatial Organization (32) Describing Objects (34)	Vocab 8 - G7L19 W3R6Sp-P116-119
9	4/3/11 4/4/11	Quiz: Vocab 8 Descriptive Writing (42)	Vocab 9 - G7L20 W3R6Sp-P120-123
10	4/10/11 4/11/11	Quiz: Vocab 9 Test 5 Part I and III (Reading & Writing)	Vocab 10 - G7L21 W3R6Sp-P124-127

Spring Break 4/17/11, 4/18/11			
11	4/24/11 4/25/11	Quiz: Vocab 10 Test 5 Part II (Listening & Writing) Writing to Entertain - Writing a Story Parts of a Story (46-48)	Vocab 11 - G7L22 W3R6Sp-P128-131
12	5/1/11 5/2/11	Quiz: Vocab 11 Writing a Story Setting (49-51), Characters (52-53)	Vocab 12 - G7L23 W3R6Sp-P132-135
13	5/8/11 5/9/11	Quiz Vocab 12 Writing a Story Dialogue (54-55), Point Of View (56-57)	Vocab 13 - G7L24 W3R6Sp-P136-139 Journal Entry 4 (Mother's Day)
14	5/15/11 5/16/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Facts and Opinions (68-69) -Read news articles and editorials Emotional Appeals (70-71) -Student Interviews	Vocab 14 - G7L25 W3R6Sp-P136-139
15	5/22/11 5/23/11	Quiz: Vocab 14 Explanatory Writing (84-85) Cause and Effect (86-87) Reporting an Event (88-89)	Vocab 15 - G7L26 W3R6Sp-P140-143
16	5/29/11 5/30/11	Quiz: Vocab 15 Advertising (72-73) -Advertising Project Facts, Opinion, Bias (102-103) Sources (104-105)	Vocab 16 - G7L27 W3R6Sp-P144-147 Journal Entry 5 (Last Day of School)
17	6/5/11 6/6/11	Quiz: Vocab 16 Party and Games/Awards	

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

First section: Review of past materials

Second section: Recently learned material

ONGOING PROJECTS

- 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
- 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 book

SUGGESTED READING LIST

- *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Ryan
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *Shadow Spinner* by Susan Fletcher
- *Shiva's Fire* by Suzanne Fisher
- *The Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane