

Fifth Grade At A Glance

North Allegheny English Language Arts Overview

Essential Questions:

- What kind of circumstances push people to create new inventions?*
- How does genre affect the way a story is told?*
- How can learning about natural disasters make us safer?*
- What character traits were needed in people who settled the West?*
- How can caring for Earth and its living things improve life now and in the future?*
- How do people adapt to new experiences and make a new place home?*

EXAMPLE TEXTS

- Winds of Hope
- Girls Think of Everything
- The Secret Garden
- The Poem That will Not End
- Who Studies Natural Disasters?
- Homesteading
- The Good Garden
- Parrots Over Puerto Rico
- Elisa's Diary
- A Movie in My Pillow
- Love That Dog

NA Literacy Beliefs

- Reading, writing, speaking, and listening are integrated disciplines that are taught across all content areas.
- Students benefit from access to a variety of texts and reading and writing experiences.
- In developing students to be critical readers, writers and thinkers who are able to analyze and evaluate.
- In creating a culture of literacy that builds lifelong engagement.
- Students communicate effectively through reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- In literacy instruction that is research-based and responsive to student needs.

Reading Foundational Skills

- Grade Level Phonics & Decoding
 - Prefixes and Suffixes
 - Latin & Greek Roots
 - Multisyllabic word study
 - 5th grade irregular spellings and high frequency words
- Read with Accuracy and Fluency
 - Read with purpose
 - Read with understanding
- Read orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression
- Use context for understanding
 - Confirm or self-correct
 - Reread as necessary

Reading Comprehension (Informational and Literature)

- Identify main idea & key details
- Analyze text organization, craft, and structure
- Apply and understand story structure when discussing a text
- Cite and quote textual evidence to support explicit and inferential thinking
- Compare and contrast texts
- Characterization
- Describe the elements of poetry
- Determine the theme or central idea
- Analyze how visuals and multimedia contribute to the beauty of a text
- Synthesize ideas, concepts, and events
- Summarize a text
- Analyze a variety of sources to efficiently access information
- Connect Ideas and relationships between ideas within a text
- Determine the meaning of unknown multiple meaning words
- Interpret the meaning of figurative language
- Apply academic and domain specific vocabulary

Written Communication

- Expository Essay
- Persuasive Essay
- Narrative
- Text Dependent Analysis
- Letter Writing
- Editorial
- Poetry
- Apply Grade Level Conventions
 - Capitalize
 - Use punctuation
 - Spell using phonics patterns
 - Apply quotations and dialogue

Speaking & Listening

- Engage in collaborative conversations that build upon others' ideas and express own ideas clearly
- Summarize the main points of information in a variety of media
- Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence
- Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks
- Report on a topic or present an opinion; speak clearly with volume, pacing, and pronunciation
- Add audio and visuals to presentations to enhance the development of main ideas or themes

