

Fourth Grade At A Glance

North Allegheny English Language Arts Overview

Essential Questions:

How do your experiences help shape your identity?

How do people and animals use their senses to navigate the world?

What does it take to meet a challenge?

What makes someone a hero?

How far can your talents take you?

What makes Earth's natural wonders exciting and unique?

EXAMPLE TEXTS

Flora & Ulysses

La Mariposa

What are the Five Senses?

Rent Party Jazz

My Diary from Here to There

Perseus and the Fall of Medusa

Love Will See You Through

Why Art Centers Matter

The Beatles Were Fab

Weird and Wondrous Rocks

Mariana Trench

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
 - 4th 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)

- Determine main ideas and key details
- Analyze text organization, craft, and structure
- Identify point of view
- Apply and understand story structure when discussing a text
- Cite textual evidence to support explicit and inferential thinking
- Compare and contrast
- Explain elements of poetry
- Determine the theme or central idea
- Connect story and drama texts to visual/oral presentations
- Synthesize
- Summarize
- Determine unknown and multiple meaning words, figurative language
- Explain an author's craft and structure
- Apply academic and domain specific vocabulary

Written Communication

- Informative/Explanatory
- Opinion (Argument)
- Narratives
- Research
- Procedural
- Text Dependent Analysis
- Response to Poetry
- Apply Grade Level Conventions
 - Capitalize
 - Use punctuation
 - Spell using phonics patterns
 - Apply quotations and dialogue

Speaking & Listening

- Engage in collaborative conversations on topic/texts, that build upon others' ideas
- Paraphrase & determine the main idea presented in diverse media
- Ask & answer questions about speaker information
- Add audio & visuals to enhance presentations & provide clarity
- Speak clearly with volume, pacing, and pronunciation
- Speak in complete sentences

