

Second Grade At A Glance

North Allegheny English Language Arts Overview

Essential Questions:

- How can being a good citizen make a difference to others?*
- How does exploring help us understand the world around us?*
- How can people work out disagreements?*
- What lessons can we learn from the characters in stories?*
- What are the qualities of a good leader?*
- How does weather affect us?*
- How do living things in a habitat depend on each other?*
- What can we learn from different people and cultures?*

EXAMPLE TEXTS

Clark the Shark
Violet the Pilot
Spoon
Many Kinds of Matter
Mango, Abuela, and Me
If the Shoe Fits
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon
When the Moon is Full
Fall Leaves
The Great Kapok Tree
Trombone Shorty

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

- Apply Grade Level Phonics
 - Long and short vowels
 - One-syllable words
 - Two-syllable words with long vowels
 - Suffixes and prefixes
 - Irregular spellings
 - 2nd grade high frequency words
- 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 the main idea of multi-paragraph texts
- Ask and answer questions, referring to details in the text
- Describe connections between events, concepts, or steps in a procedure
- Determine text organization, craft, and structure
- Describe the story structure (character, events, setting, plot, illustrations)
- Use and explain the purpose behind text features and search tools to locate information
- Describe the author's point of view
- Compare and contrast text
- Determine central message, lesson, or moral
- Describe characters actions and responses
- Recount stories
- Determine and clarify unknown and multiple meaning words
- Describe rhythm and meaning in stories, poems, or songs
- Use text evidence

Written Communication and Spelling

- Narratives
- Descriptive Essay
- Persuasive Writing
- Imaginative Story
- Personal Essay
- Poem
- Research Report
- Thank You Letter
- Apply Grade Level Conventions
 - Capitalize (proper nouns)
 - Use punctuation
 - Use commas and apostrophes
 - Spell using phonics patterns

Speaking & Listening

- Engage in collaborative conversations with peers and adults (small and large groups)
- Recount key ideas/details from read aloud text, presentations, or media
- Ask and answer questions about speaker information
- Tell a story/experience with facts and details
- Speak in coherent sentences
- Add drawings and visuals to presentations

