

Third Grade At A Glance

North Allegheny English Language Arts Overview

Essential Questions:

- What makes a character interesting?*
- How do people use words to express themselves?*
- How do historic places, documents, and symbols represent our nation?*
- Why might some stories be better told as plays?*
- What can sports teach us about working together?*
- What behaviors help animals survive?*
- How can one person make a difference in their local or global community?*
- Why is it important to pass stories down to the next generation?*

Reading Foundational Skills

- Grade Level Phonics & Decoding
 - Prefixes and Suffixes
 - Latin & Greek Roots
 - Multisyllabic word study
 - 3rd 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
- Ask and answer questions about the text and make inferences
- Use text evidence and make inferences to support responses
- Identify elements of text organization, craft, and structure
- Explain the author's point of view
- Describe author's craft
- Apply and understand story structure when discussing a text
- Use text features & search tools
- Compare and contrast texts
- Determine the theme, central message, lesson, or moral
- Describe characters and their actions
- Summarize key details
- Determine and clarify meaning of unknown & multiple meaning words
- Determine literal and non-literal meaning of words and shades of meaning
- Apply content and academic vocabulary

Written Communication

- Informative/Explanatory
- Opinion
- Narratives
- Letter Writing
- Procedural
- Expository
- Publish Writing
- Apply Grade Level Conventions
 - Capitalize
 - Use punctuation
 - Spell using phonics patterns

Speaking & Listening

- Engage in collaborative conversations on topics/ texts
- Determine the main idea presented in diverse media
- Ask & answer questions about speaker Information
- Speak clearly with volume, pacing, pronunciation
- Speak in complete sentences

EXAMPLE TEXTS

- Judy Moody: Mood Martian
- Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin
- The Upside Down Boy
- Why is the Statue of Liberty Green?
- Gigi and the Wishing Tree
- Soccer Shootout
- This is Your Life Cycle
- One Plastic Bag
- What if Everybody Did That?
- Why the Sky is Far Away

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.