

Skills Overview Grade 4




Strategies

- Phonics/Decoding
- Predict/Infer
- Monitor/Clarify
- Question
- Summarize
- Evaluate

Back to School

Start the year off with the story *The Pumpkin Runner* to introduce the reading strategies.

Grade at a Glance

	Reading		Word Work	
	Comprehension Skills and Strategies	Information and Study Skills	Decoding Longer Words Structural Analysis/Phonics	Spelling
<p>Theme 1: Journeys <i>Travelers who learn about the world and about themselves</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Story Structure ✔ Author's Viewpoint ✔ Text Organization ✔ Noting Details <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Predict/Infer Summarize Monitor/Clarify Question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Taking Notes Parts of a Book Using a K-W-L Chart How to Read a Map Adjusting Reading Rate How to Outline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Structural Analysis: Base Words and Endings -er and -est Suffixes -ly and -y Syllabication Word Roots <i>tele</i> and <i>rupt</i> Phonics: Short Vowels <i>a</i> and <i>e</i>, Long Vowels <i>a</i> and <i>e</i> Short Vowels <i>i</i> and <i>o</i>, Long Vowels <i>i</i> and <i>o</i> Short and Long Vowel <i>u</i> Homophones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ The /ă/, /ā/, /ě/, and /ē/ Sounds ✔ The /ŷ/, /ī/, /ō/, and /ō/ Sounds ✔ The /ŭ/, /yōō/, /ōō/ Sounds ✔ Homophones
<p>Theme 2: American Stories <i>The diversity, achievement, and spirit of the United States</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Sequence of Events ✔ Making Inferences ✔ Making Generalizations ✔ Categorize and Classify <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Evaluate Predict/Infer Summarize Question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Time Lines and Schedules Using the Library Using Electronic Resources Evaluating Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Structural Analysis: Contractions Word Roots <i>sign</i> and <i>spect</i> Suffixes -er, -or, and -ist Possessives Phonics: Spelling /ou/ and /ô/ Spelling /ōō/ and /ōō/ The /īr/, /ār/, and /ār/ Sounds The /ôr/, /ûr/, and /yöör/ Sounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ The /ou/ and /ô/ Sounds ✔ The /ōō/ and /ōō/ ✔ The /īr/, /ār/, and /ār/ Sounds ✔ The /ôr/, /ûr/, and /yöör/ Sounds
<p>Theme 3: That's Amazing! <i>Fantastic tales ranging from the mysterious to the hilarious</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Noting Details ✔ Compare and Contrast ✔ Fantasy and Realism <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Question Monitor/Clarify Evaluate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Real-Life Reading ✔ Story Chart How to Read a Time Line Recording Information on a Venn Diagram How to Read a Diagram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Structural Analysis: Compound Words Words with the Suffix -able Words Ending with -ed or -ing Phonics: Words that Begin with <i>a-</i> or <i>be-</i> Final /ər/, /l/, and /əl/ sounds Consonant Digraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Compound Words ✔ Final /ər/ and Final /l/ or /əl/ ✔ Words Ending with -ed or -ing



Spiral Review

Spiral Review lessons provide systematic review and practice of key skills.

Focus on Genre

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Pacing

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Multi-age Classroom

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Writing and Language

Cross-Curricular

Vocabulary Skills and Expansion

- ✔ Vocabulary: Multiple-Meaning Words
- ✔ Dictionary: Alphabetical Order
- ✔ Using a Thesaurus
- ✔ Dictionary: Guide Words
- Cold-Weather Words
- Travel Words
- Nautical Terms
- Railroad Words

Reading-Writing Workshop

Personal Narrative
Writing Process
Writing a Good Beginning
Keeping to the Focus
Varying Sentences

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics

- ✔ Kinds of Sentences
- ✔ Subjects and Predicates
- ✔ Compound Sentences
- ✔ Common Nouns

Writing

- ✔ Writing Complete Sentences
- ✔ Using Commas in Dates and Places
- News Article
- Response Journal Entry
- An Answer to a Question
- Friendly Letter
- Adding Details
- Giving Examples

Listening/Speaking/Viewing

- Have a Literature Discussion
- Introduce Yourself and Others
- Follow and Give Oral Directions
- Tell a Story

Content Area

Science
Social Studies
Math
Art

- ✔ Antonyms
- ✔ Dictionary: Entry Words and Their Meanings
- ✔ Using Context
- ✔ Dictionary: Multiple-Meaning Words
- Library Terms: Types of Library Books
- Farm Words
- Types of Hats
- Citizenship Words

Description
Writing Process
Ordering Information
Using Sensory Language
Sentence Combining

- ✔ Proper Nouns
- ✔ Singular and Plural Nouns
- ✔ More Plural Nouns
- ✔ Singular and Plural Possessive Nouns

- ✔ Correcting Run-on Sentences
- An Essay
- Character Sketch
- A Business Letter
- Journal Writing
- Main Idea and Details in an Essay
- Keeping to the Point
- Voice in a Journal

- Present a Reader's Theater Performance
- Develop Telephone Skills
- Present an Oral Report
- Describe Public Sculpture

Math
Social Studies
Science

- ✔ Synonyms
- ✔ Dictionary: Spelling Table/Pronunciation Key
- ✔ Dictionary: Dividing Words into Syllables
- Scientific Terms: Weather Words
- Types of Clothing
- Scientific Terms: Climate Words

Story
Writing Process
Developing Plot, Character, and Setting
Writing Dialogue
Using Possessives

- ✔ Action Verbs
- ✔ Main Verbs and Helping Verbs
- ✔ Present, Past, and Future Tenses

- ✔ Paraphrasing
- An Explanation
- Writing an Announcement
- Writing a Summary
- Audience
- Ordering Important Information

- Hold a Conversation
- Compare and Contrast Texts
- Listen to and Make an Announcement




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<p>Theme 4: Problem Solvers <i>Young people showing initiative, courage, and cooperation</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Predicting Outcomes ✓ Problem Solving ✓ Drawing Conclusions ✓ Story Structure <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Summarize Predict/Infer Evaluate Question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Following Directions ✓ Encyclopedia How to Skim and Scan Graphic Organizer How to Take Notes How to Follow Directions Skim and Scan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Words with the Suffix <i>-ible</i> Prefixes <i>re-</i>, <i>mis-</i>, and <i>ex-</i> Prefixes <i>pre-</i>, <i>con-</i>, and <i>com-</i> VCCV Pattern Phonics: Spelling /k/, /ng/, and /kw/ Final /ē/ Final /j/ and /s/ Consonant Clusters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The /k/, /ng/, and /kw/ ✓ Sounds ✓ Final /ē/ ✓ Final /j/ and /s/ ✓ VCCV Pattern
<p>Theme 5: Heroes <i>Making a difference with courage, dignity, and perseverance</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cause and Effect ✓ Making Judgments ✓ Fact and Opinion <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evaluate Predict/Infer Monitor/Clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collecting Data (Tables and Charts) How to Take Notes Newspapers/Magazines How to Follow a Recipe Conduct an Interview How to Read a Chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Prefixes and Suffixes Changing Final y to i VCV Pattern Phonics: Vowel Diphthongs Two Sounds of g Two Sounds of c 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Words with a Prefix of a Suffix ✓ Changing Final y to i ✓ VCV Pattern
<p>Theme 6: Nature: Friend and Foe <i>People reacting to Nature's bounty and brutality</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Following Directions ✓ Topic, Main Idea, Details ✓ Making Inferences <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monitor/Clarify Summarize Predict/Infer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Outlining How to Use SQRRR Adjust Your Rate of Reading Synthesizing How to Skim and Scan Multimedia Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Three-Syllable Words Suffixes <i>-less</i>, <i>-ness</i>, and <i>-ion</i> Word Roots <i>graph</i> and <i>tract</i> Phonics: <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowels Unusual Spellings Silent Consonants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Three-Syllable Words ✓ Unusual Spellings ✓ Silent Consonants



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Dictionary: Prefixes <i>re-, un-, dis-</i> ✔ Homophones ✔ Dictionary: Word Histories Holiday Words Musical Instruments Sports Terminology 	<p>Personal Essay</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Main Idea and Details</p> <p>Introductions and Conclusions</p> <p>Pronoun Reference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Subject Pronouns ✔ Object Pronouns ✔ Singular and Plural Possessive Pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Sentence Combining with Pronouns ✔ Combining Sentences with Possessive Pronouns and Appositives Writing an Information Paragraph Writing a Problem/Solution Paragraph Writing a Magazine Article Using Facts 	<p>View and Evaluate Information Sources</p> <p>Listen for Different Purposes</p> <p>Present an Oral Book Report</p>	<p>Social Studies</p> <p>Math</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Dictionary: More Multiple-Meaning Words ✔ Analogies ✔ Dictionary: Parts of Speech Sea Animals Fire Terms Prairie Words 	<p>Research Report</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Finding and Evaluating Information</p> <p>Topic Sentences and Supporting Facts</p> <p>Using Adverbs Correctly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Adverbs ✔ Comparing with Adverbs ✔ Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Elaborating with Adverbs ✔ Combining Sentences with Prepositional and Participial Phrases A How-to Paragraph A Learning Log Entry A Speech Using Order Words and Phrases 	<p>Explain a Process</p> <p>Hold a Debate</p> <p>Compare and Contrast Media</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Social Studies</p>