

Grade 4 ELA Curriculum Snapshot 2025-2026

1st Trimester: September 3th – December 5th (Units 1-2)

Unit/Text Set	Reading	Writing/Grammar	Small Group Instruction
Unit 1: Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: How do people respond to natural disasters?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Expository Text • Comprehension Skills: Reread, Diagrams and Headings, Text Structure: Compare and Contrast, Author's Perspective • Vocabulary: Multiple-Meaning Words, Homographs • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Sentences; Sentence Punctuation • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Subjects and Predicates; Punctuates Compound Subjects and Predicates 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results - Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: How do your actions affect others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Realistic Fiction • Comprehension Skills: Make Predictions, Plot, Plot: Conflict, Author's Claim • Vocabulary: Idioms, Homophones • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Compound Sentences; Punctuating Compound Sentences • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Clauses and Complex Sentences; Punctuate Complex Sentences 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: How can starting a business help others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Argumentative Text • Comprehension Skills: Reread, Graphs and Headings, Central Idea and Relevant Details • Vocabulary: Suffixes • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Run-On Sentences; Correcting Fragments and Run-Ons 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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Unit 2: Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: What helps an Animal survive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Expository Text • Comprehension Skills: Summarize, Text Features: Photographs, Captions, and Headings, Central Idea and Relevant Details, Character Development • Vocabulary: Prefixes, Suffixes • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Common and Proper Nouns; Capitalizing Proper Nouns • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Singular and Plural Nouns; Commas in a Series 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: How do animal characters change familiar stories?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Drama • Comprehension Skills: Ask and Answer Questions, Elements of a Play, Theme, Figurative Language Hyperbole • Vocabulary: Antonyms, Greek Roots • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Plural Nouns, Irregular Plural Nouns • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Possessive Nouns, Apostrophes 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: How are writers inspired by animals?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Poetry • Comprehension Skills: Poetry: Rhyme and Structure, Text Structure: Lyric Poetry and Haiku, Character Perspective, Poetic Elements: Imagery and Assonance • Vocabulary: Similes and Metaphors • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Combining Sentences; Phrases and Interjections 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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2nd Trimester: December 8th – March 20th (Cont. Unit 2, Unit 3, and Unit 4)

Unit/Text Set	Reading	Writing/Grammar	Small Group Instruction
Unit 3: Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: In what ways can you help your community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Realistic Fiction • Comprehension Skills: Visualize, Plot Flashback, Point of View and Perspective, Text Structure: Problem and Solution • Vocabulary: Context Clues and Suffixes • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Action Verbs; Titles • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Verb Tenses; Subject-Verb Agreement 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: How can one person make a difference?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Biography • Comprehension Skills: Reread, Text Features: Timeline, Author's Perspective, Author's Purpose • Vocabulary: Synonyms and Antonyms, Using a Dictionary • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Main and Helping Verbs; Punctuation in Contractions • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Linking Verbs; Subject-Verb Agreement 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Argumentative Text • Comprehension Skills: Reread, Text Features: Maps and Headings, Author's Claim, Text Structure: Sequence • Vocabulary: Greek Roots • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Argumentative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Irregular Verbs; Correct Verb Usage 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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Unit 4 Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: Why do we need government?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Narrative Nonfiction • Comprehension Skills: Ask and Answer Questions, Text Features: Headings and Pronunciations, Text Structure: Cause and Effect, Homophones and Homographs • Vocabulary: Latin and Greek Roots • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Pronouns and Antecedents; Pronoun Capitalization and Clarity • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Types of Pronouns; Subject and Object Pronouns 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: How do inventions and technology affect your life?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Historical Fiction • Comprehension Skills: Make Predictions, Plot: Setting, Point of View and Perspective, Text Structure: Description • Vocabulary: Synonyms and Context Clues • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Pronoun-Verb Agreement; Punctuation in Dialogue • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Possessive Pronouns; Using Possessive Nouns and Pronouns 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: How do writers look at success in different ways?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Narrative Poetry • Comprehension Skills: Poetry: Structure, Narrative Poetry, Theme, Poetry: Rhyme and Structure • Vocabulary: Connotation and Denotation • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Pronouns and Homophones; Contractions and Possessives 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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3rd Trimester: March 23th – June 25th (Cont. Unit 4, Unit 5, and Unit6)

Unit/Text Set	Reading	Writing/Grammar	Small Group Instruction
Unit 5: Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: What can you discover when you look closely at something?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Expository Text • Comprehension Skills: Summarize, Text Features: Photographs and Captions, Text Structure: Chronology, Figurative Language: Imagery • Vocabulary: Antonyms and Homophones • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Personal Narrative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Adjectives, Punctuation • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Adjectives, Articles 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: In what ways do people show they care about each other?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Realistic Fiction • Comprehension Skills: Visualize, Plot Foreshadowing, Plot: Conflict, Character Development • Vocabulary: Similes and Metaphors, Idioms • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Personal Narrative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Adjectives That Compare; Punctuation in Letters • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Comparing with More and Most; Combining Sentences 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: How can learning about the past help you understand the present?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Expository Text • Comprehension Skills: Summarize, Text Features: Sidebars and Maps, Text Structure: Chronology, Author's Perspective • Vocabulary: Proverbs and Adages • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Expository Essay • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Comparing with Good and Bad; Combining Sentences 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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3rd Trimester: March 23th – June 25th (Units 4-5-6)

*If time permits in the school year, continue with Unit 6.

Unit/Text Set	Reading	Writing/Grammar	Small Group Instruction
Unit 6: Text Set 1: Weeks 1 and 2 Essential Question: How have our energy resources changed over the years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Narrative Nonfiction • Comprehension Skills: Ask and Answer Questions, Sidebars, Central Idea and Relevant Details, Plot: Conflict • Vocabulary: Latin and Greek Prefixes • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Fictional Narrative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 1: Adverbs; Good vs. Well • Grammar/Mechanics Week 2: Comparing with Adverbs; Review Punctuation and Capitalization 	*Groupings are based on i-Ready diagnostic results Skills: Phonics, Comprehension, Vocabulary (based on student needs – should be fluid throughout year)
Text Set 2: Weeks 3 and 4 Essential Question: How do traditions connect people?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Historical Fiction • Comprehension Skills: Reread, Plot: Setting, Theme, Maps • Vocabulary: Connotation and Denotation, Words from Mythology • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Fictional Narrative • Grammar/Mechanics Week 3: Negatives; Correcting Double Negatives • Grammar/Mechanics Week 4: Prepositions; Review Using Quotations 	
Text Set 3: Week 5 Essential Question: What shapes a person's identity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre: Free Verse • Comprehension Skills: Poetic Elements: Imagery and Personification, Poetry: Free Verse, Theme, Character Perspective • Vocabulary: Figurative Language: Metaphor • Selection Tests: Assess Vocabulary and Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process: Free Verse Poetry • Grammar/Mechanics Week 5: Using Prepositions; Using Commas with Phrases 	
Week 6: Extend, Connect, and Assess	Extend: Reading Digitally, Reader's Theater, Inquiry Space	Connect: Connect to Social Studies and Science	

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