

Teaching Unit: ***Journey to Adventure***

Essential Understandings

Literature is used to provide information on how to face challenges.

Writing is a means of documenting events.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will classify and categorize details.

Students will identify the sequence of events in a story.

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: Students will learn about suffixes meaning "someone who".

WRITING: Students will be introduced to journal writing. They will summarize, explain or evaluate information.

SPELLING: Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

GRAMMAR and USAGE: Students will be able to identify subjects and predicates in sentences.

MEDIA: Students will view a movie, then compare and contrast the main characters.

FLUENCY: Students will read a variety of books at their own level, to build fluency.

Teaching Unit: *In the Wild*

Essential Understandings

An author's point of view may differ from the reader's.

A persuasive writing uses factual information to support the author's opinion.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will learn to identify the differences between a fact and an opinion.
Students will learn how to make inferences using details from the story.
Students will distinguish between main idea and supporting details in a story.

MEDIA: Students will be introduced to methods authors use to express their point of view.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

VOCABULARY:

Students will learn about homophones.
Students will be introduced to suffixes and prefixes.

WRITING: Students will write a piece which is intended to persuade.

GRAMMAR: Students will learn about and identify nouns.

FLUENCY: Students will read a variety of books at their levels, to build fluency.

Teaching Unit: *Try to See it My Way*

Essential Understandings

Literature can be used to explore different points of view.

By exploring the moral and ethical dimensions of literature, reading can deepen their understandings of the complexities of human life.

Writers use specific details to help readers visualize characters and setting.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will recall details from the story and use them to make generalizations.
Students will use Venn diagrams to compare and contrast information from their reading.

Students will be asked to use details from their reading to predict a story ending.

VOCABULARY:

Students will study suffixes that create nouns.
Students will study synonyms and antonyms.
Students will study words with multiple meanings.

GRAMMAR and USAGE:

Students will study adjectives and comparative forms of adjectives.

WRITING:

Students will write a descriptive essay.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

FLUENCY:

Students will read a variety of books at their levels, to build fluency.

Teaching Unit: *Catastrophe*

Essential Understandings

Understanding the cause-and-effect relationship will deepen the meaning of text.

Paraphrasing is an essential skill used in research.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will identify cause and effect in selected literature.

Students will make statements called "generalizations" based on facts.

VOCABULARY:

Students will learn about analogies as a way of making comparisons.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

GRAMMAR and USAGE:

Students will study subject - verb agreement and verb tenses.

WRITING:

Students will write brief selections paraphrasing details from a text.

FLUENCY:

Students will read a variety of books at their levels, to build fluency.

Teaching Unit: *From the Prairie to the Sea*

Essential Understandings

Literature addresses a variety of experiences people share.

Literary works are an archive of history.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will study the characteristics of a personal narrative.

Students will study how noting an author's viewpoint can help better understand the story.

Students will practice making judgments to better understand characters and the story.

VOCABULARY:

Students will study the differences between possessive forms and contractions.

Students will study how prefixes alter the meanings of root words.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

GRAMMAR and USAGE:

Students will study how to punctuate dialogue.

Students will identify subject and object pronouns.

Teaching Unit: *Drama Unit*

Essential Understandings

Drama adds another dimension to literary works that enhances comprehension.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION / LISTENING / SPEAKING:

Students learn to deliver an oral presentation and use a variety of strategies including eye contact, hand gestures, voice modulation and changes in rhythm.

Students will learn the structure of a play and the importance of listening to others for cues.

VOCABULARY:

Students will study stage directions.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

Teaching Unit: *Do You Believe This?*

Essential Understandings

Literature demonstrates there is a discrete difference between reality and fantasy.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

COMPREHENSION:

Students will analyze the author's words to improve inferential comprehension skills.

Students will discuss how noting details helps to create a vivid picture in their minds.

Students will study the use of exaggeration in works of fantasy.

Students will summarize the story by sequencing the main events.

VOCABULARY:

Students will study idioms.

SPELLING:

Students will study spelling patterns within single and multisyllabic words.

GRAMMAR and USAGE:

Students will improve writing by using adverbs, prepositions and prepositional phrases.
