

Teaching Unit: *Survival-theme from Houghton Mifflin Text, copyright 1999*

Sub Topic:

Essential Understandings

Knowledge and Skills

Realistic fiction delves into the trials one faces in extreme conditions.

Predicting outcomes occurs when students are asked to Figure out what might happen next in the story based on any and all information already read.

Students will understand stories consist of a carefully crafted set of events leading the reader through setting, character development, rising action, conflict, climax, solution and resolution

Sequencing of events helps the reader understand what is happening and why, recognize how the events in a selection fit together and summarize the selection.

Recognizing cause and effect relationships helps readers understand that one event is linked to the next and possibly subsequent effects which leads the readers to infer information the author has not written but means to impart.

Noting details helps readers brings clarity and can build intensity in the story.

Making inferences is essential in noting deeper comprehension and can be linked to the author's purpose.

Drawing conclusions is tied to the resolution of the piece by linking what changes occur in the character based on the experiences of the plot.

Exposure to realistic fiction makes readers live vicariously in the shadow of the the character which allows the reader to make decisions from a distance.

Character traits are inner qualities the reader recognizes based on how the character acts, reacts, speaks, and thinks throughout the story. Characters often change in some respect as a result of living through the events of the story.

Bias is a strong slant toward one way of thinking.

Assumption is a something taken for granted as being true.

Dictionary structure and use includes but is not limited to the understanding of dictionary entries, phonetic spellings, meanings, parts of speech, alphabetizing, pagination, guide words.

Teaching Unit: **Spelling**

Essential Understandings

Correctly use rules of spelling to communicate effectively.

Long and short vowel sounds.

Vowel combinations.

Basewords

Compound words.

Consonant sounds.

Prefix and suffixes.

Homographs.

Abbreviations and acronyms

Greek word roots.

Teaching Unit: **Writing**

Essential Understandings

Students write to express their ideas and emotions, to describe their experiences, to communicate information, and to present or analyze an argument for an appropriate audience.

Sub Topic: **35 weekly units**

Knowledge and Skills

Edit written work for standard English spelling and usage, evidenced by pieces that show and contain no significant errors in the spelling of common, frequently used words, and the attention to the correct spelling of commonly misspelled words and less common words.

Read spelling words in list form and in context.

Sort spelling words

Read and remember each weeks spelling strategy.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will demonstrate competency in all aspects of the writing process.

Teaching Unit: *Ocean Quest theme from Houghton Mifflin Text, copyright 1999*

Sub Topic:

Essential Understandings

The literature of several nonfiction articles will help students appreciate the association between life in the world's oceans and all life on the planet.

Pollution impacts life on the planet.

Positive action can be taken to improve life on the planet.

Knowledge and Skills

Categorize and Classify

Compare and Contrast

Propaganda

Author's Viewpoint / Bias and Assumption

Reinforcement of:

Cause and Effect

Main Idea and Details

Making Generalizations

Making Predictions

Teaching Unit: *Unwrapping Ancient Mysteries-theme from Houghton Mifflin Text,*

Sub Topic:

Essential Understandings

Archaeologists' discoveries lead to understanding of ancient cultures.
Archaeologists use modern science to hypothesize and draw conclusions.

Culture is the common beliefs, customs and traditions of a group of people.

Scientific advancements have led to techniques that allow us to analyze ancient cultures.

Knowledge and Skills

Noting Details

Fact and Opinion

Drawing Conclusions

Compare and Contrast

Sequence of Events

Reinforcement of:

Cause and Effect

Main Idea and Details

Making Generalizations

Making Predictions
