# Englewood Public School District English Language Arts Grades 1 to 5

## Journeys Literacy Program

Grades One to Five will be implementing the research-based balanced literacy program published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, entitled *Journeys*. This literacy program provides students with research-based curriculum materials. Teachers utilize read alouds, guided reading, shared reading, and independent reading, integrated with various writing opportunities and techniques as a means to a whole literacy approach. The new program includes flexible grouping based on student needs, one-on-one specific skills instruction, independent reading, and ongoing assessment to continually direct instruction.

## **Teachers College Reading and Writing Project**

Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing, K–5, is a new publication from Lucy Calkins and her colleagues at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. For each grade level Lucy and her team have designed and piloted a yearlong curriculum founded on the expectations of the Common Core State Standards and built on the experience of decades of intensive literacy instruction with hundreds of thousands of students and educators.

#### **Orton-Gillingham**

The Orton-Gillingham method is language-based and success-oriented. The scholars are directly taught reading, handwriting, and written expression as one logical body of knowledge. Learners move step by step from simple to more complex material in a sequential, logical manner that enables scholars to master important literacy skills. The Orton-Gillingham methodology utilizes phonetics and emphasizes visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning styles. Instruction begins by focusing on the structure of language and gradually moves towards reading. This program provides scholars with immediate feedback and a predictable sequence that integrates reading, writing, and spelling. This comprehensive approach to reading instruction benefits all scholars.

UNIT	TOPIC	Weeks	
1	Around the Neighborhood	6	
2	Sharing Time	6	
3	Nature Near and Far	6	
4	Exploring Together	6	
5	Watch Us Grow	6	
6	Three Cheers For Us!	6	

# Englewood Public School District English Language Arts Grades 1

**Unit 5: Watch Us Grow** 

**Overview:** This unit focuses on what and how things grow. Students consider how gardens, pets, and trees develop over time while experiencing paired literature from numerous genres. Students will also participate in a writer's workshop to learn how to write fiction.

**Time Frame:** 6 Weeks

## **Enduring Understandings:**

The purpose of gardens
Animal characteristics and growth
Plant characteristics and growth
Caring for pets
People from other countries

## **Essential Questions:**

What grows in a garden?
Why do some animals have spots or stripes?
How can you take good care of a pet?
What happens to a tree as it grows?
What can you learn from someone who is from another country?

Standards	<b>Topics and Objectives</b>	Activities	Resources	Assessments
RF.1.4. Read with sufficient	Topics	Teacher Read Aloud:	Texts:	Unit Benchmark
accuracy and fluency to		"Grandpa's Tree"	Journeys English Language	<b>Assessments:</b>
support comprehension.	Story Structure	Students will use an event	Arts Program, Houghton	<ul> <li>Common</li> </ul>
		map to take notes	Mifflin Harcourt, 2017	Formative
RL.1.2. Retell stories,	Analyze/Evaluate	https://www.dailyteaching		Assessment
including key details, and		tools.com/language-arts-	Unit 1: Lesson 21	<ul> <li>Exact Path</li> </ul>
demonstrate understanding of	Repetition	graphic-	Anchor Text: "The Garden"	
their central message or		organizers.html#11	(Genre: Fantasy)	Summative
lesson.	Twenty-First Century			Assessment:
	Themes and Skills include:		Paired Selection: "Garden	Lesson 21 Vocabulary
RL.1.3. Describe characters,	• The Four C's	Vocabulary: Prefix re-	Good Guys" (Genre:	and Comprehension
settings, and major event(s) in a story, using key details.	Global Awareness	Students will work independently to practice	Informational Text)	Tests

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RL.1.5. Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.  SL.1.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	Objectives  Students will compare and contrast to understand a story better.  Students will use the Monitor/Clarify strategy while reading to aid comprehension.  Students will use drawings while sharing information in collaborative conversation.	writing words with the prefix <i>re</i> -  Speaking and Listening: Giving Clear Explanations (CRP4) Students will work with a partner to practice giving clear explanations  Grammar: Subject Pronouns Students will work with a partner to review subject	Companion Texts "Carl's Garden Problem" (Genre: Narrative Fiction) https://www.readworks.org/a rticle/Carls-Garden- Problem/748b9417-0f0f- 4b26-9639- 1d3b4c885e96#!articleTab:c ontent/  Scholastic Magazine	Formative Assessment:  • Lesson 21 Cold Reads • Running Records • Anecdotal Notes • Unit Progress Monitoring Assessments  Alternative Assessments  Students will role play giving clear
larger groups.	Conacci anve conversation.	pronouns (CRP4) https://www.education.co m/worksheet/article/subje ct-pronouns-for-kids/ Writing: Narrative: Story Sentences (9.2.4.A.2, CRP6) Students will create sentences for a narrative about gardens and their importance to the community.		explanations.  Students will respond to oral questioning and retell the events from the teacher read aloud.  Students will write and share narrative
W.1.3. Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.	Topics Writing Fiction Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: • The Four C's  Objectives	Students will complete a graphic organizer for a writing series. (CRP11)  Students will write a fiction series using word processing software. (8.1.2.A.2, CRP6, CRP11)	Texts: Reading and Writing Project Firsthand, Heinemann, 2013, Writing Reviews, Grade 1, Unit 4  Bend II: Fiction Writers Set Out to Write Series, Lessons 6 to 10	Formative Assessment: Instructors will identify student's baseline strengths and areas of need using on-demand writing assessments.  Summative Assessment: Instructors and students
W.1.5. With guidance and support from adults, focus on a tonic respond to questions	Students will be able to write a series.		Video: "How to Write A Story for	will evaluate progress toward writing narrative

a topic, respond to questions

essays.

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and suggestions from peers and self-reflection, and add details to strengthen writing and ideas as needed.			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFWcSnRIAmc	Instructors will use exemplar pieces of student writing at each grade level to evaluate developmental needs of students.
				Alternative Assessments Instructor will maintain a running record of student growth in writing skills.
				Instructor and students will use rubrics for student self-assessment.
				Instructor will provide students with writing checklists for self-reflection.
				Students will share their final writing products with the class.
RF.1.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	Topics Conclusions Visualize	Teacher Read Aloud: "How Bat Learned to Fly"(1-LS3-1) Students will use an event	Texts:  Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017	Summative Assessment: Lesson 22 Vocabulary and Comprehension
RL.1.2. Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.	Using Context  Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:  • The Four C's	map to take notes https://www.dailyteaching tools.com/language-arts- graphic- organizers.html#11	Unit 1: Lesson 22 Anchor Text: "Amazing Animals" (Genre: Informational Text) (1-LS3-1)	Formative Assessment:  • Lesson 22 Cold Reads • Running Records
RL.1.3. Describe characters, settings, and major event(s) in a story, using key details.	Environmental Literacy     Objectives	Vocabulary: Using a Dictionary Entry (CRP4)	Paired Selection: "The Ugly Duckling" (Genre: Folktale)	<ul><li>Running Records</li><li>Anecdotal Notes</li></ul>

RL.1.5. Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.  SL.1.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.  SL.1.6. Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.	Students will use text evidence and prior knowledge to draw conclusions.  Students will visualize while reading to aid comprehension.  Students will use writing to share information in collaborative conversation.	Students will work in pairs to practice using a dictionary.  Speaking and Listening: Using Text Features (CRP4) Students will work with a partner to practice using text features https://www.education.com/lesson-plan/whats-in-a-text-feature/  Grammar: The Pronouns (CRP4) In teams, students will play a game (Pick the Pronouns) https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/grammar-pick-pronoun/  Writing: Narrative: Story Sentences (CRP6) Students will create sentences for a narrative about animal survival. (1-	Companion Text: "How Animals Stay Safe" (Genre: Informational Text)(1-LS3-1) https://www.readworks.org/a rticle/How-Animals-Stay- Safe/ae51abaa-25c2-45b5- 9b30- 6950d6886af0#!articleTab:c ontent/ Scholastic Magazine	Unit Progress     Monitoring     Assessments  Alternative     Assessments  Students will share     aloud their conclusions     drawn from reading     passages.  Students will respond to     oral questioning and     retell the events from     the teacher read aloud.  Students will illustrate     the parts of a dictionary     entry.  Students will write and     share narrative     sentences.
RF.1.4. Read with sufficient	Topics	LS3-1) Teacher Read Aloud:	Texts:	Summative
accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	Cause and Effect	"Around the World in a Day" Students will create a list	Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017	Assessment: Lesson 23 Vocabulary and Comprehension
RL.1.2. Retell stories, including key details, and	Monitor/Clarify	of cause and effect events from the story.	Unit 1: Lesson 23	Tests
demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.	Figurative Language Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:	Vocabulary: Define Words (CRP4)	Anchor Text: Whistle for Willie (Genre: Realistic Fiction)	<ul> <li>Formative Assessment:</li> <li>Lesson 23 Cold Reads</li> <li>Running Records</li> </ul>

RL.1.4. Identify words and
phrases in stories or poems
that suggest feelings or appeal
to the senses.

SL.1.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

L.1.6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., because).

• The Four C's

### **Objectives**

Students will identify and understand cause-and-effect relationships.

Students will monitor and clarify while reading a story to aid comprehension.

Students will engage effectively in collaborative conversation.

Students will work with a partner to define words.

Speaking and Listening: Opinions (**CRP4**) Teacher will model how to give opinions. Students will practice in small groups.

Grammar: Possessive Pronouns

Ask students to choose an object in the classroom and use a possessive pronoun in a statement or question, e.g. "Is that your desk or is it hers? (while pointing to the person at the desk)"

Writing: Narrative: Story Summary (CRP6)

Students will create a narrative story summary about taking care of a pet.

Paired Selection: "Pet Poems" (Genre: Poetry)

## **Companion Text:**

"Big Questions: How can you tell if your cat is happy and likes you?" (Genre: Informational Text) https://newsela.com/read/ele m-big-q-cathappiness/id/36686/

"Impossible to Train"
(Genre: Fiction)
<a href="https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/impossible-to-train">https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/impossible-to-train</a>?search\_id=3786752

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- Anecdotal Notes
- Unit Progress Monitoring Assessments

#### Alternative Assessments

Students will share aloud their conclusions drawn from reading passages.

Students will respond to oral questioning and retell the events from the teacher read aloud.

Students will role play effective ways to give opinions.

Students will work with a partner to practice using possessive nouns aloud

Students will write and share narrative story summaries.

## **Formative Assessment:**

Instructors will identify student's baseline strengths and areas of need using on-demand writing assessments.

**Summative Assessment:** 

## **Topics**

Writing Fiction

Twenty-First Century
Themes and Skills include:

• The Four C's

Students will use peer review and writing checklists to evaluate the quality realistic fiction. (CRP4)

https://www.education.co

https://www.education.co m/worksheet/article/strate gies-for-revisionchecklist/

## **Texts:**

Reading and Writing Project *Firsthand*, Heinemann, 2013, Writing Reviews, Grade 1, Unit 4

Bend III: Becoming More Powerful at Realistic Fiction, Lessons 11 to 15.

which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of

closure.

W.1.3. Write narratives in

W.1.5. With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers and self-reflection, and add details to strengthen writing and ideas as needed.	Objectives  Students will be able to evaluate their own ability to write realistic fiction.		Video:  "Realistic Fiction Writing for Kids: Revising" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV3bVnnltwY	Instructors and students will evaluate progress toward writing narrative essays.  Instructors will use exemplar pieces of student writing at each grade level to evaluate developmental needs of students.  Alternative Assessments Instructor will maintain a running record of student growth in writing skills.  Instructor and students will use rubrics for
RF.1.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to	Topics	Teacher Read Aloud: "Visiting Butterflies"	Texts: Journeys English Language	Instructor will provide students with writing checklists for self-reflection.  Students will share their final writing products with the class.  Summative Assessment:
RI.1.1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	Sequence of Events  Question  Figurative Language	Students will use a think aloud worksheet. http://snippetsbysarah.blogspot.com/2012/11/thinkalouds-with-freebie.html	Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 Unit 1: Lesson 24 Anchor Text: "A Tree Is a Plant" (Genre: Informational Text)(1-LS3-1)	Lesson 24 Vocabulary and Comprehension Tests  Formative Assessment:  Lesson 24 Cold Reads

RI.1.2. Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.

RI.1.3. Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

RI.1.4. Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

L.1.5. With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

SL.1.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

RF.1.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

RL.1.2. Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.

Twenty-First Century
Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Environmental Awareness

## **Objectives**

Students will identify and describe the sequence of events.

Students will use the question strategy while reading a selection to aid comprehension.

Students will contribute to a discussion by sharing ideas for a K-W chart.

Vocabulary: Multiple-Meaning Words (**CRP4**) Students will work with a partner to define vocabulary words

Speaking and Listening: Life Cycle Report (CRP4) Students will use a sequence chain graphic organizer and create a life cycle report with a partner.

Grammar: Indefinite Pronouns (CRP4) Students will work independently to practice using indefinite pronouns https://www.k12reader.co m/worksheet/indefinitepronouns/

Writing: Narrative: Story (8.1.2.A.2, CRP6, CRP11)

Students will write a story that focuses on the life of plants, using word processing software

Teacher Read Aloud: "Senor Coyote, the Judge" http://snippetsbysarah.blo gspot.com/2012/11/think-alouds-with-freebie.html

Vocabulary: Synonyms with Introduction to Thesaurus (CRP4)

Paired Selection: "Grow, Apples, Grow!" (Genre: Informational Text)

**Companion Text:** "What Plants Need"

(Informational Fiction)(1-LS3-1)
https://www.readworks.org/a
rticle/What-PlantsNeed/e75436af-c59d-460d85a52ea1be9ed8e3#!articleTab:co

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- Running Records
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#### Alternative Assessments

Students will share aloud their conclusions drawn from reading passages.

Students will respond to oral questioning and retell the events from the teacher read aloud.

Students will share their life cycle reports with the class.

Students will write and share their stories.

#### **Texts:**

Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

Unit 1: Lesson 25 Anchor Text: "The New Friend" (Genre: Realistic Fiction)

# Summative Assessment:

Lesson 25 Vocabulary and Comprehension Tests

#### **Formative Assessment:**

- Lesson 25 Cold Reads
- Running Records

## **Topics**

**Understanding Characters** 

Summarize

Narrator

Twenty-First Century
Themes and Skills include:

## RL.1.3. Describe characters, settings, and major event(s) in a story, using key details.

SL.1.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

- The Four C's
- Civic Literacy

## **Objectives**

Students will understand characters in a story.

Students will summarize by reading a story to aid comprehension.

Students will use writing to share information in collaborative conversation.

W.1.3. Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what

happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of

closure.

L.1.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard

## **Topics**

Writing Fiction

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

• The Four C's

## **Objectives**

Students will work in small groups to create a visual that demonstrates synonyms for vocabulary words

Speaking and Listening: Speaking About a Topic Students will prepare a brief oral report about their culture (6.1.4.D.13)

**Grammar: Contractions** (CRP4)

Students will work with a partner to practice reading contractions aloud https://www.education.co m/worksheet/article/readin g-contractions/

Writing: Narrative: Story (8.1.2.A.2, CRP6, CRP11.6.1.4.D.13) Students will write a

narrative about another culture, using word processing software Students will use a publishing checklist to prepare their books for publication. https://www.education.co m/worksheet/article/publis hing-checklist-andreflection/

Students will publish a realistic fiction book using Paired Selection: "Symbols of Our Country" (Genre: Informational Text)(6.1.4.D.17)

## **Companion Texts:**

"Visit Mexico" (Genre: Informational Text) https://www.timeforkids.com /k1/mexico/

"Countries of the World: Laos" (Genre: Informational Text) https://newsela.com/read/ele m-country-laos/id/39694/

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#### **Alternative Assessments**

Students will share aloud their conclusions drawn from reading passages.

Students will respond to oral questioning and retell the events from the teacher read aloud.

Students will share their synonym visuals with the class.

Students will write and share their stories.

#### **Texts:**

Reading and Writing Project Firsthand, Heinemann, 2013. Writing Reviews, Grade 1, Unit 4

Bend IV: Getting Ready to Publish Our Second Series, Lessons 16 to 20

#### **Formative Assessment:**

Instructors will identify student's baseline strengths and areas of need using on-demand writing assessments.

#### **Summative Assessment:**

Instructors and students will evaluate progress

English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Students will be able to publish a realistic fiction book.	word processing software. <b>8.1.2. A.2</b>	Video: "Writing for Kids: Publishing"	toward writing narrative essays.
L.1.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		Students will share their published works with peers, explaining how the drawings support their ideas.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_f-e4OhHU8	Instructors will use exemplar pieces of student writing at each grade level to evaluate developmental needs of students.
SL.1.4. Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.				Alternative Assessments Instructor will maintain a running record of
SL.1.5. Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify				student growth in writing skills.
ideas, thoughts, and feelings.				Instructor and students will use rubrics for student self-assessment.
				Instructor will provide students with writing checklists for self-reflection.
				Students will share their final writing products with the class.
RF.1.1. Demonstrate mastery	Topics	Students will experience	Institute for Multi-Sensory	Pre-Assessment,
of the organization and basic features of print including	Language – Orton-	30 minutes of instruction daily to enhance their	Education, Orton- Gillingham, 2014	Formative Assessment and Summative
those listed under	Gillingham	ability to decode words,	Chinigham, 2011	Assessment:
Kindergarten foundation		spell words correctly, and	Five-Part Weekly Program:	Instructors will
skills.	Objectives	to comprehend what they hear and read.	<ol> <li>Three-Part Drill</li> <li>Teaching a New Concept</li> </ol>	implement three levels of assessments to
RF.1.2. Demonstrate mastery	Students will review	near and read.	3. Decoding and Learning	evaluate students:
of spoken words, syllables,	phonetics concepts.		Centers	<ul> <li>Phonemic awareness</li> </ul>
and sounds (phonemes) by			4. Red Words	Naming and
using knowledge that every			5. Comprehension	recognizing letters

syllable must have a vowel Students will learn new The formation of sound to determine the phoneme/rules via a multiletters number of syllables in a sensory approach. Phoneme/grapheme printed word ations and Modifications: relationships Students with special needs: Supstandentes will the endeathable to aid students related to IEP specifications. 504 accommodations with also the attended to REvial Know and apalters. Physical bip word on and modifications, alternative assessments, and scaffolding strategies will be used to be used t grade-layelphonics and word! Design for Learning (UDL) will be considered for all students as teaching strategies are considered Additional safety analysisiskillswilldecoding along withdeath will spellificall student can fully participate in the standards associated with this curriculum iques words. frequency words correctly. • Fluency of reading **ELL/ESL students:** Students will be supported according to the recommendations for "can do's" as outlined by WIDA and writing RELECTION WITH SUFFICIENT CATEGORY WILL COMPREHEND • Auditory sound accuracy and fluency to what they hear and read. discriminations. **Transfersom problems of failure:** Formative and summative data will be used to monitor student success at first signs of failure student work will be reviewed to determine support this may include parent consultation, basic skills review and differentiation strategies. With considerations to UDL, the Day ustrate compand on ing developmental considerations. More time and will be made available with a certified instructor considerations. of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage where with gates pealing lents: Students excelling in mastery of standards will be challenged with complex, high level challenges related to the complexity of the reading and writing requirements. This will include allowing more opportunities to demonstrate creativity and allow for student **English Language Learners** Gifted and Talented **Special Education** At-Risk • Pre-teach vocabulary • Use multi-sensory teaching • Using visual • Curriculum compacting Teacher modeling approaches that provide Inquiry-based instruction demonstrations. helpful visual, auditory, illustrations, and models Independent study Peer modeling Develop and post routines Higher order thinking skills and tactile reinforcement Give Adjusting the pace of lessons Label classroom materials directions/instructions of ideas. Interest based content verbally and in simple Word walls Utilize modifications & written format. Give accommodations Real world scenarios Peer Support directions/instructions delineated in the student's Student Driven Instruction verbally and in simple **IEP** Increase one on one time written format. Work with Teachers may modify paraprofessional instructions by modeling Work with a partner what the student is

expected to do

Instructions may be printed

out in large print and hung

up for the student to see

Give

directions/instructions

verbally and in simple

written format.

	during the time of the lesson.  Oral prompts can be given Review behavior expectations and adjust for personal space or other behaviors as needed.
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## **Integration of 21st Century Standards NJSLS 9:**

9.2.4.A.2: Identify various life roles and civic and work-related activities in the school, home, and community. and work-related activities in the school, home, and community.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections:**

#### Science:

1-LS3-1 Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.

#### **Social Studies:**

6.1.4.D.13 Describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people.

6.1.4.D.17 Explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the American identity.

## **Integration of Technology Standards NJSLS 8:**

8.1.2.A.2 Create a document using a word processing application.

# Career Ready Practices:

CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.