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 | Reaching Out | 6 |
| 2 | Tell Me More | 6 |
| 3 | Inside Nature | 6 |
| 4 | Unbreakable Spirit | 6 |
| 5 | Change It Up | 6 |
| 6 | Paths of Discovery | 6 |

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English Language Arts Grade 4

Unit 4: Unbreakable Spirit

Overview: During this unit, students will explore anchor and paired texts around the theme of "Unbreakable Spirit." Throughout the unit students will experience literature related to heroes old and new. Additionally, students will complete a unit on writing personal narratives. Lastly, students will continue to hone their ability to read, write, and spell correctly via the Orton-Gillingham program.

Time Frame: 6 Weeks

Enduring Understandings:

Heroes overcome great challenges. Everyone has the potential to be a hero.

Essential Questions:

What traits do successful people have? How do people and animals benefit each other? What makes a character memorable? Why is framing important? How do people from different cultures contribute to American history?

| Standards | Topics and Objectives | Activities | Resources | Assessments |
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| RL.4.3. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on | Topics Compare and Contrast | Teacher Read Aloud: "Getting the Story" Students will use a reading | Texts: Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton | Benchmark Assessment: • Exact Path |
| specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions). RL.4.1. Refer to details and | Monitor/Clarify Personification | log to take notes from the story https://www.education.com/ worksheet/article/simple- summary-reading-log/ | Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 Unit 4 – Lesson 16 Anchor Text: "Riding Freedom" | Summative Assessment: Lesson 16 Vocabulary and Comprehension Tests |
| examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. SL.4.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with | Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: The Four C's Civic Literacy Objectives Students will compare and contrast the thoughts, words, | Vocabulary: Figurative Language (CRP4) Students will practice writing sentences using personification. Speaking and Listening: Report on a Text (CRP4) | Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: "Spindletop" Genre: Informational Text Companion Text: "Breaking" (Genre: Fiction) | Formative Assessment: Lesson 16 Cold Reads Running Records Anecdotal Notes Unit Progress Monitoring Assessments |

diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

RL.4.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity (See Appendix A) or above, with scaffolding as needed.

A. The Nature of Technology: <u>Creativity and Innovation</u> 8.2.5.A.2 Investigate and present factors that influence the development and function of a product and a system.

8.2.5.A.4 Compare and contrast how technologies have changed over time due to human needs and economic, political and/or cultural influences.

W.4.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

W.4.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.4.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

and actions of characters in literature.

Students will monitor and clarify understanding of literature.

Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussion.

passages. Grammar: Adjectives

on one of the reading

Students will write reports

Students will practice using adjectives. https://www.education.com/ worksheet/article/strongadjectives/

Writing: Descriptive Paragraph (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11) Using word processing software, students will write

descriptive paragraphs about

a self-chosen topic.

https://www.readworks.org/ar ticle/Breaking/3632d2cbd424-4c87-96e6f851b4b9e185#!articleTab:co ntent/

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Alternative Assessments

Students will have a group discussion on the read aloud.

Students will answer teacher questions about the read aloud

Students will peer correct their personification sentences for accuracy.

Students will share their descriptive paragraphs.

Topics

Informative Writing

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: The Four C's

Objectives

Students will write informational essays about history.

Students will go from beginning stages of research, to writing an initial draft, to publishing essays about history. (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11)

Texts:

Reading and Writing Project *First*hand, 2013 Bringing History to Life, Grade 4, Unit 3

Bend III

Video:

"Fact or Opinion for Kids"

Formative Assessment:

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

Summative Assessments

Instructors and students will evaluate progress toward writing essays using writing checklists.

Instructors will use exemplar pieces of student

| | | | | writing at each grade level to evaluate developmental needs of students. |
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| | | | | 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. |
| RL.4.5. Explain major | Topics | Teacher Read Aloud: "Let | Texts: | Summative Assessment: |
| differences between poems, | - | Me Be Brave" | Journeys English Language | Lesson 17 Vocabulary and |
| drama, and prose, and refer to | Sequence of Events | Students will use a reading | Arts Program, Houghton | Comprehension Tests |
| the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, | Summarize | log to take notes from the | Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 | Formative Assessment: |
| meter) and drama (e.g., casts | Summarize | story https://www.education.com/ | Unit 4 – Lesson 17 | For mative Assessment. |
| of characters, settings, | Main Idea and Details | worksheet/article/simple- | Anchor Text: "The Right Dog | • Lesson 17 Cold |
| descriptions, dialogue, stage | | summary-reading-log/ | for the Job: Ira's Path from | Reads |
| directions) when writing or | Domain-Specific Vocabulary | | Service Dog to Guide | Running Records |
| speaking about a text. | | Vocabulary: Suffixes -ion, | Dog" | Anecdotal Notes |
| RF.4.4. Read with sufficient | Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: | <i>-ation, -ition</i> (CRP4) Students will work with a | Genre: Narrative Nonfiction | Unit Progress |
| accuracy and fluency to | | partner to practice creating | Genre: Narrauve Nonitcuon | Monitoring |
| support comprehension. | The Four C'sEnvironmental Literacy | and defining words that use | Paired Selection: "Knowing | Assessments |
| | Civic Literacy | these suffixes. | Noses: Search and-Rescue | |
| RL.4.2. Determine a theme of a | Civic Enclucy | | Dogs" | Alternative Assessments |
| story, drama, or poem from | Objectives | Speaking and Listening: | | Students will have a group |
| details in the text; summarize | | Literature Discussion | Genre: Informational Text | discussion on the read |
| the text. | Students will understand that | (CRP4) In small groups, students | Companion Text: | aloud. |
| SL.4.1. Engage effectively in a | authors use sequence as a | will summarize the read | "Toby to the Rescue: Shelter | Q4-1 |
| range of collaborative | structure for narrative next. | aloud story. | Dog Changes Life for Owner | Students will answer teacher questions about the |
| discussions (one-on-one, in | Students will understand the | - | with Epilepsy" (Genre: | read aloud |
| groups, and teacher-led) with | purpose of summarizing a text. | Grammar: Adverbs | Informational Text) | Teud uloud |
| diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on | | | | |

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| others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. | Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussion. | Students will practice writing sentences that use adverbs. | https://newsela.com/read/ele m-shelter-dog-detects- seizures/id/41268/ | Students will peer correct their adverb sentences for accuracy. |
| | | Writing: Friendly Letter (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11, 9.2.4.A.3) | Scholastic Magazine | Students will engage in a group literature discussion. |
| | | Using word processing software, students will write friendly letters to people who have careers working with animals. | | Students will read aloud their letters to a small group. |
| RL.4.2. Determine a theme of a | Topics | Teacher Read Aloud: | Texts: | Summative Assessment: |
| story, drama, or poem from | | "Theseus and the Minotaur" | Journeys English Language | Lesson 18 Vocabulary and |
| details in the text; summarize | Story Structure | Students will use a reading | Arts Program, Houghton | Comprehension Tests |
| the text. | Question | log to take notes from the | Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 | Formative Assessment: |
| SL.4.2. Paraphrase portions of | Question | story https://www.education.com/ | Unit 4 – Lesson 18 | For mative Assessment. |
| a text read aloud or | Theme | worksheet/article/simple- | Anchor Text: "Hercules' | • Lesson 18 Cold |
| information presented in | | summary-reading-log/ | Quest" | Reads |
| diverse media and formats | Allusion | | | Running Records |
| (e.g., visually, quantitatively, | | Vocabulary: Adages and | Genre: Myth | Anecdotal Notes |
| and orally). | Twenty-First Century Themes | Proverbs (CRP4, CRP11) | | Unit Progress |
| | and Skills include: | Using the Internet, students | Paired Selection: "Zomo's | Monitoring |
| SL.4.3. Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker | • The Four C's | will work with a partner to look up and illustrate a | Friends" | Assessments |
| provides to support particular | Objectives | proverb or adage. | Genre: Folktale | |
| points. | Objectives | provero or dadge. | | |
| RF.4.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to | Students will recognize the elements of story structure: character, setting, and plot. | Speaking and Listening: Tell a Story (CRP4) (CRP4) | Companion Texts "Myths and Legends: Ragnarok, a Viking Tale of | Alternative Assessments |
| support comprehension. | Students will understand how to | Students will write notes on a personal experience then | the Battle of the Gods" (Genre: Fiction) | Students will have a group discussion on the read aloud. |
| | ask questions as a reading | use them to tell the story. | https://newsela.com/read/myt | aloud. |
| | strategy. | Grammar: Prepositions and | hs-ragnarok/id/36092/ | Students will answer teacher questions about the |
| | Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussion. | Prepositional Phrase Students will practice | Scholastic Magazine | read aloud |
| | | writing sentences with prepositions and prepositional phrases. Writing: Story | | Students will peer correct their preposition sentences for accuracy. |

| | | (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11) Using word processing software, students will write a story that models one of the unit's reading passages. | | Students will share their illustrated proverbs/adages. Students will peer review each other's stories using a writer's checklist. |
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| RI.4.3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. RI.4.1. Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. | TopicsConclusions and GeneralizationsInfer/PredictIdiomsProblem and SolutionTwenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: | Teacher Read Aloud: "The Father of India" Students will use a reading log to take notes from the story https://www.education.com/ worksheet/article/simple- summary-reading-log/ Vocabulary: Reference Materials (CRP4, CRP11) Students will practice using online reference materials, | Texts: Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 Unit 4 – Lesson 19 Anchor Text: "Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez" Genre: Biography Paired Selection: "The Edible | Summative Assessment: Lesson 19 Vocabulary and Comprehension Tests Formative Assessment: • Lesson 19 Cold Reads • Running Records • Anecdotal Notes • Unit Progress Monitoring |
| W.4.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. SL.4.4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace. | The Four C's Environmental Literacy Civic Literacy Objectives Students will know how to draw conclusions and make generalizations based on text evidence. Students will understand that readers make inferences based on text evidence. | online reference materials, like Wikipedia. Speaking and Listening: Gather Relevant Information (CRP4, CRP11, 6.1.4.D.20) Using a search engine, students will gather information on other cultures. Grammar: Relative Pronouns and Adverbs Students will practice identifying and using relative pronouns with | Schoolyard" Genre: Informational Text Companion Text: "Pasha's First Yom Kippur" (Genre: Fiction) <u>https://www.commonlit.org/e</u> <u>n/texts/pasha-s-first-yom-</u> <u>kippur?search_id=4250461</u> <i>Scholastic</i> Magazine | Assessments Alternative Assessments Students will have a group discussion on the read aloud. Students will answer teacher questions about the read aloud Students will share their personal narratives. |
| RF.4.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. | Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussion. | adverbs. <u>https://www.education.com/</u> <u>exercise/relative-pronouns/</u> Writing: Personal Narrative (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11, 6.1.4.D.20) Using word processing software, students will write a persona | | Students will have a whole class discussion where their share their cultural differences. |

RI.4.2. Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

RI.4.7. Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.

RI.4.9. Integrate and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.

RF.4.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. Topics

Main Ideas and Details

Visualize

Onomatopoeia

Text Structure

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

• The Four C's

Civic Literacy

Objectives

Students will identify main ideas and details in a biography.

Students will use details from the text to visualize.

Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussion.

Teacher Read Aloud: "Race Against Death" Students will use a reading log to take notes from the story https://www.education.com/ worksheet/article/simplesummary-reading-log/

narrative that incorporates the theme of the importance of knowing other cultures

Vocabulary: Shades of Meaning (**CRP4**) In small groups, students will identify shades of meaning of vocabulary words.

Speaking and Listening: Paraphrase Text Read Aloud (CRP4) With a partner, students will paraphrase the read aloud story using a graphic organizer. <u>https://www.education.com/</u> worksheet/article/paraphrasi ng-a-passage-2018/

Grammar: Abbreviations Students will practice identifying abbreviations <u>https://www.education.com/</u> <u>worksheet/article/whos-who-</u> <u>abbreviations-for-peoples-</u> <u>titles/</u>

Writing: Personal Narrative (8.1.5.A.2, CRP4, CRP6, CRP11, 6.1.4.D.13)

Texts:

Journeys English Language Arts Program, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

Unit 4 – Lesson 20 Anchor Text: "Sacagawea"

Genre: Biography

Paired Selection: "Native American Nature Poetry"

Genre: Poetry

Companion Text:

"Yeshi's Luck" (Genre: Fiction) <u>https://www.commonlit.org/e</u> <u>n/texts/yeshi-s-</u> luck?search_id=4250715

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Comprehension Tests
Formative Assessment:

Summative Assessment:

Lesson 20 Vocabulary and

- Lesson 20 Cold Reads
- Running Records
- Anecdotal Notes
- Unit Progress Monitoring Assessments

Alternative Assessments

Students will have a group discussion on the read aloud.

Students will answer teacher questions about the read aloud

Students will peer review their personal narratives using rubrics.

| RF.4.3. Know and apply | Topics | Using word processing software, students will write a personal narrative incorporating the theme of how culture is shown through personal actions. Students will experience 30 | Institute for Multi-Sensory | Pre-Assessment, Formative |
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| grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. | Language – Orton-Gillingham | minutes of instruction daily to enhance their ability to decode words, spell words | Education, Orton-Gillingham, 2014 | Assessment, Summative Assessment: Instructors will implement |
| RF.4.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. | Objectives Students will review phonetics concepts. | correctly, and to comprehend what they hear and read. | Five-Part Weekly Program:1. Three-Part Drill2. Teaching a New Concept3. Decoding and Learning | three levels of assessments to evaluate students:Phonemic awareness |
| L.4.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. | Students will learn new phoneme/rules via a multi- sensory approach. Students will decode multi- | | Centers 4. Red Words 5. Comprehension | Naming and recognizing letters The formation of letters Phoneme/grapheme relationships |
| L.4.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. | syllabic words. Students will spell high frequency words correctly. | | | Decoding multi-syllabic words Memorization techniques Fluency of reading and |
| L.4.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. | Students will comprehend what they hear and read. | | | writing Auditory sound discriminations Sentence structure Vocabulary building |

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| W.4.1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a | Topics | Instructors will select the reading and writing RST | <u>Reading PARCC RST</u> Lessons | Formative Assessment: Reading PARCC RST |
| point of view with reasons and | PARCC RSTs | lessons that best meets their | | Lesson 4 |
| information. | | students' needs. | Research Simulation | |
| | Objectives | | Tasks | Summative Assessment: |
| W.4.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the | Students will gain a better | | Lesson 1: Introducing the | Writing PARCC RST Lesson 4 |
| development and organization | understanding of EBSRs and | | EBSR and TECR | |
| are appropriate to task, | TECRs. | | Lagar 2. Madaling the | |
| purpose, and audience. | | | Lesson 2: Modeling the EBSR and TECR | |
| W.4.5. With guidance and | Students will hone their understanding of narrative | | | |
| support from peers and adults, | elements. | | Lesson 3: Identifying the Main Idea | |
| develop and strengthen writing | | | <u>Main Idea</u> | |
| as needed by planning, | Students will practice | | Lesson 4: Identifying | |
| revising, and editing. | completing RSTs. | | Supporting Details | |
| | | | Writing PARCC RST | |
| | | | Lessons | |
| | | | Sesearch Simulation | |
| | | | Tasks | |
| | | | Lesson 1: Introduction to th | 6 |
| | | | Prose Constructed Response | |
| | | | on the Research Simulation | |
| | | | <u>Task</u> | |
| | | | Lesson 2: Modeling the | |
| | | | Prose Constructed Response | |
| | | | Lesson 3: Understanding the | |
| | | | PCR Prompt and Writing an | <u>r</u> |
| | | | Opening Topic Statement | |
| | | | Lesson 4: Selecting Textual | |
| | | | Evidence to Support Reason | <u> </u> |

Accommodations and Modifications:

Students with special needs: Support staff will be available to aid students related to IEP specifications. 504 accommodations will also be attended to by all instructional leaders. Physical expectations and modifications, alternative assessments, and scaffolding strategies will be used to support this learning. The use of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) will be considered for all students as teaching strategies are considered. Additional safety precautions will be made along with additional staff so all student can fully participate in the standards associated with this curriculum.

ELL/ESL students: Students will be supported according to the recommendations for "can do's" as outlined by WIDA -

https://www.wida.us/standards/CAN_DOs/

Students at risk of school 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, time may be a factor in overcoming developmental considerations. More time and will be made available with a certified instructor to aid students in reaching the standards.

Gifted and Talented Students: 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 choice.

| English Language Learners | Special Education | At-Risk | Gifted and Talented |
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| • Shorten assignments to | • Utilize modifications & | Using visual | Curriculum compacting |
| focus on mastery of key | accommodations | demonstrations, | • Inquiry-based instruction |
| concepts. | delineated in the student's | illustrations, and models | • Independent study |
| • Teacher modeling | IEP | • Give | • Higher order thinking |
| • Peer modeling | • Work with | directions/instructions | skills |
| • Develop and post routines | paraprofessional | verbally and in simple | • Adjusting the pace of |
| • Label classroom materials | • Use multi-sensory teaching | written format. | lessons |
| Word walls | approaches that provide | Peer Support | • Interest based content |
| • Give | helpful visual, auditory, | • Increase one on one time | • Real world scenarios |
| directions/instructions | and tactile reinforcement | • Teachers may modify | • Student Driven Instruction |
| verbally and in simple | of ideas. | instructions by modeling | |
| written format. | • Work with a partner | what the student is | |
| • Provide audiotapes of | • Give | expected to do | |
| textbooks and have the | directions/instructions | • Instructions may be printed | |
| student follow the text | verbally and in simple | out in large print and hung | |
| while listening | written format. | up for the student to see | |
| • Allow students to use a | • Provide extra time to | during the time of the | |
| dual language dictionary | complete assignments. | lesson. | |
| | • Adjust the pace of lessons | Review behavior | |
| | | expectations and adjust for | |
| | | personal space or other | |
| | | behaviors as needed. | |
| | | • Oral prompts can be given. | |

Integration of 21st Century Standards NJSLS 9:

9.2.4.A.3 Investigate both traditional and nontraditional careers and relate information to personal likes and dislikes.

Interdisciplinary Connections:

Social Studies:

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

6.1.4.D.20 Describe why it is important to understand the perspectives of other cultures in an interconnected world.

Integration of Technology Standards NJSLS 8:

8.1.5.A.2 Format a document using a word processing application to enhance text and include graphics, symbols and/ or pictures.

Career Ready Practices:

CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.