

Bracken County Middle School
5th Grade Language Arts
2007-2008 Course Syllabus

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Course Description

5th Grade Language Arts is a combination of reading, writing, grammar, and spelling. This class will enhance grammar/spelling usage and writing skills, as well as increasing the knowledge of various literature genres while reinforcing the Kentucky Core Content and Program of Studies objectives.

Comments:

My main goal in this class is to take students where they are in their reading and writing skills and help them master concepts needed to achieve at higher levels in the 6th grade. Students will be writing a personal narrative and short story that will be portfolio ready for the 7th grade. We will be using the Open Court book for 5th grade level.

Course Standards

- 📖 Identify meaning from a variety of reading materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events
- 📖 Making predictions and drawing conclusions.
- 📖 Describe literary elements (e.g. characterization, setting, plot, theme, point of view)
- 📖 Identify literary devices such as foreshadowing, imagery, and figurative language(e.g. similes, metaphors, personification, hyperbole)
- 📖 Locate and apply information for a specific purpose.
- 📖 Identify sequence of activities needed to carry out a procedure
- 📖 Write personal pieces which reflect on personal experiences and make connections to real-world issues
- 📖 Apply characteristics of effective writing in their own works and recognize them in the works of others including awareness of audience and purpose, organization, idea development, and standards of correctness

Method of Grade Calculation

Students will be evaluated on class assignments and activities including, but not limited to the following: class work, homework, writing journal entries, tests, and projects.

Textbook

Open Court Reading, SRA/McGraw-Hill, 2005

Required Materials

- 📖 Paper
- 📖 Pencil Pouch (should contain several #2 pencils, highlighter, glue stick)
- 📖 Agenda

Classroom Rules and Procedures

- 📖 Arrive prepared for class.
- 📖 Any homework given the day before should be ready to turn in unless you are absent
- 📖 Stay in your seat unless instructed to do otherwise.
- 📖 Respect others and their property. You are not allowed behind Mrs. Brumley's desk.
- 📖 Raise your hand and wait for the teacher to call on you (talking out is a no, no!)
- 📖 Sharpen pencils when teacher is not instructing the class and do so without disruption. Only one person at a time at the sharpener.
- 📖 Put your name on all assignments

Classroom participation

Students will be expected to be on time and prepared for class with all necessary materials. Attendance is of vital importance, as much of the work is done in class. Only students with excused absences will be given grades on make-up work.

Calendar of Course Content

Unit 1- Cooperation and Competition	6 weeks
Unit 2- Astronomy (Personal Narrative)	7 weeks
Unit 3- Heritage	7 weeks
Unit 4- Making a New Nation	7 weeks
Unit 5- Going West	8 weeks
Unit 6- Journeys and Quests	7 weeks

We will be having a spelling test every Friday unless otherwise stated.

This is just an idea of what students will experience this year. Due to holiday breaks and testing, we will not get to all of these units.