

Department: English

Course Name: English 5

Course Description:

Fifth grade English focuses on the six areas of writing: ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, voice, and conventions. These areas of writing are taught through grammar units, mini-lessons, proofreading practice, and journal writing. The writing process is taught and used to produce a variety of writing examples, including descriptive writing, persuasive writing, fiction short stories, poetry, and a research project. Writing is consistently used across the curriculum to develop the student's ability to articulate and communicate precise information and detail, as well as to challenge the student to express and present his or her point of view. Students make cross-curricular connections utilizing technology and the writing medium to express his or her ideas on a variety of topics ranging from history and culture to science and technology.

Content:

Grammar

Composition (Descriptive, Essay, Paragraph, Research, Journaling, Persuasive)

Poetry

Pourquoi Tales

Research Skills

MLA Format

Plagiarism

Skills:

Identify fragments and run-ons

Identify types of sentences

Identify subjects and predicates

Identify and use compound sentences

Recognize and distinguish nouns

Recognize and distinguish verbs

Recognize and use direct objects

Recognize and use verb tenses

Recognize and use subject-verb agreement

Recognize and use contractions

Identify and use adjectives

Recognize and use articles and demonstratives

Identify and use adverbs

Recognize and distinguish negatives

Recognize and use interjections

Recognize and use commas

Recognize and use quotations

Recognize and use titles

Recognize and use pronouns

Recognize and use homophones

Recognize and use prepositions and prepositional phrases

Recognize and use capitalization

Recognize and use punctuation

Brainstorm using graphic organizers
Construct paragraphs
Write informally
Write formally
Proofread and edit
Recognize and avoid plagiarism
Write using sensory details
Write using figurative language
Identify elements of poetry
Cite research sources
Write topic sentence/paragraph lead
Use search engines
Use Google docs
Identify reliable sources
Write using transition words
Paraphrase text
Identify elements of story writing
Respond to writing prompts
Publish work digitally
Utilize elements of essay writing
Utilize elements of narrative writing
Clarify, support, and defend an argument
Develop oral presentation skills
Read orally with fluency and expression
Use presentation technology
Articulate and communicate complex ideas

Text and Materials:

Rueda, Saldivar, Shapiro, et. al., English (Houghton Mifflin, 2006)
Gentry, McNeel, and Wallace-Nesler, Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every Fifth Grade Student (Shell Education, 2012)
Various supplementary sources for academic instruction

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Interactive Notebook
Picture books
Poetry books
Educational videos
Worksheets
iPad apps/Digital resources (Nearpod, Edublog, NoRedInk, etc.)

*Implement instruction according to HRA's Covid safety parameters

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes
Class projects
Homework
Class work