

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School ELA

4th Grade

Curriculum Overview				
Units & days	Reading Skills (students will be able to (do)...	Writing Skills	Language Skills	
Lesson 1 - Story Structure (15 days)	Read aloud with grade-appropriate fluency; adjust reading rate as needed for understanding; explain that as they read, students will use graphic organizer to record story elements such as the setting; main characters; and plot's main events in the sequence in which they happen. Students also make inferences about story events and explain how they influence future events.	Descriptive Paragraph: understanding the features of a descriptive paragraph; demonstrate focused ideas in writing; write a descriptive paragraph about a place.	Identify complete sentences and fragments; use complete sentences in writing and speaking; identify and use contractions.	
Lesson 2 - Author's Purpose (15 days)	Listen to fluent reading; listen to find the author's purpose; identify and explain the author's purpose for writing; monitor and clarify text to infer the author's message.	Narrative Composition: identify/write the parts of narrative composition; character in a narrative; dialogue the words that characters speak;; chronological order which events take place.	Identify subject and predicates; use complete subject and compound predicates	
Lesson 3 - Cause and Effect (15 days)	Listen to fluent reading; listen for cause-and-effect relationship; listen to learn the target vocabulary words; identify cause-effect relationships; use cause-effect to track plot events; visualize plot events to cause-and-effect relationship; infer cause-effect relationship in the text.	Dialogue: understand the features of a dialogue; write a dialogue; recognize and correctly use quotation marks.	Identify the four kinds of sentences (Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, and Exclamatory); use the four kinds of sentences in writing and speaking.	
Lesson 4 - Theme (15 days)	Listen to fluent reading; listen for clues about the theme; listen to learn the target vocabulary words; understand that the message of a work of fiction is its theme; use the analyze/evaluate strategy to make inferences about a story's theme.	Fictional Narrative: study and evaluate fictional narratives; use the writing process to plan a fictional narrative; use focused ideas to plan a first draft.	Identify simple and compound sentences; use simple and compound sentences in writing and speaking	
Lesson 5 - Understanding Characters (20 days)	Listen to fluent reading; listen for clues about the character; listen to learn the target vocabulary words; understand story characters' behavior and relationships; use the infer/predict strategy to make inferences about story characters and to predict how they might change.	Fictional Narrative: write a fictional narratives; draft; revise; proofread, and edit a fictional narrative; publish final draft.	Identify and understand common and proper nouns; use common and proper nouns in writing and speaking; identify and understanding singular; plural; and irregular plural nouns; use singular; plural and irregular plural nouns in writing and speaking.	
Lesson 6: Compare and Contrast (15 days)	Read aloud with grade-appropriate fluency and expression; listen to compare and contrast; compare and contrast story details with and across texts; explain how comparing and contrasting effect plot; use the infer/predict strategy to anticipate future plot events.	Response to Literature: write a response to literature that demonstrate understanding; identify the parts of a compare-contrast response.	Identify action, main, helping, and linking verbs; use verbs correctly in writing and speaking.	
Lesson 7: Fact and Opinion (20 days)	Read aloud with grade-appropriate fluency; pay attention to phasing and punctuation to aid fluency; distinguish facts and opinions in a text; explain how to verify a fact.	Opinion Paragraph: understand the features of an opinion paragraph; demonstrate voice in writing; write an opinion paragraph that responds to a text and demonstrates understanding.	Identify/use and understanding verbs and verb tenses; use correct tenses in writing and speaking.	
Lesson 8: Understanding Characters (15 days)	Understand story characters' behavior and relationships; use text details to visualize story characters and how they change.	Poem: Identify the structural elements of poetry; write a poem with sensory words that create vivid sounds and images.	Identify and use conjunctions in compound sentences; use conjunctions in writing	
Lesson 9: Conclusions and Generalizations (15 days)	Read aloud with grade-appropriate fluency; read with increasing fluency; use text details and background knowledge to draw conclusions and make generalizations'	Prewrite - Response to Literature: study and evaluate response to literature essays; use the writing process to plan a response to literature essay; plan a first draft.	Identify and use commas correctly in writing.	
Lesson 10: Analyze/Evaluate (15 days)	Use text details and background knowledge to determine the author's purpose; identify whether the author's purpose is stated or implied.	Draft; revise; edit; publish: response to Literature	Identify and use subject pronouns and object pronouns; identify and use reflexive pronouns.	

