

4th Grade Essentials

Language Arts - Reading

- ✓ Uses context, language patterns, and letter-sounding relationships to read unfamiliar words
- ✓ Monitors one's own comprehension of what is being read
- ✓ Constructs meaning by predicting, questioning, visualizing, summarizing, making connections, identifying important information, and making inferences
- ✓ Adjusts reading rate, based on purpose, style, audience, and difficulty of the text
- ✓ Shows an appreciation for reading, using positive, independent reading habits
- ✓ Uses text structure to locate and analyze information
- ✓ Applies research skills to find facts in informational texts
- ✓ Analyzes setting, plot, character, problem, solution, and theme in multiple literature genres
- ✓ Compares literature, based on the four fiction conflict themes: Man versus Man, Man versus Nature, Man versus Society, Man versus Self
- ✓ Describes narrative points of view in a literary text, using first person, third person, and omniscient

Language Arts - Writing

- ✓ Communicates opinions, information, and viewpoints clearly and tactfully
- ✓ Presents brief oral reports
- ✓ Plans writing, based on purpose, audience, and form of the writing
- ✓ Drafts events, ideas, and personal stories with accurate details and sequence
- ✓ Uses voice and word choice to communicate spoken and written messages clearly and precisely
- ✓ Revises by add on, deletion, and re-organization to clarify meaning for intended audiences
- ✓ Publishes and shares writing with intended audiences
- ✓ Creates legible documents
- ✓ Applies knowledge of spelling rules and language patterns to written work
- ✓ Spells grade level high frequency no excuse words
- ✓ Writes, using accurate grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure
- ✓ Proofreads and edits for grade level grammar, mechanics, and conventions
- ✓ Explains an author's purpose in a written piece