

# 5th Grade Essentials

## Language Arts - Reading

- ✓ Uses meaning-based word recognition strategies to predict, check, confirm/reject, and self-correct
- ✓ Uses a range of strategies efficiently when constructing meaning from text (predicting, questioning, visualizing, summarizing, making connections, identifying important information, and making inferences)
- ✓ Comprehends, interprets, and responds to a variety of texts
- ✓ Reads fluently, smoothly, at an appropriate rate, varying expression/ volume to match interpretation of the text
- ✓ Demonstrates an appreciation for reading a variety of texts according to specific purposes
- ✓ Lists, draws conclusions, and shares responses in group-learning activities
- ✓ Uses the structure of texts to make, confirm, or revise predictions, and draws inferences and conclusions
- ✓ Uses reading to define and solve problems and answer questions
- ✓ Uses organizational features of texts and on-line references to find specific information for research
- ✓ Generates questions, reads, and takes notes to answer questions
- ✓ Organizes notes and other information into a report with graphics (charts, maps, and graphs) and other visuals
- ✓ Examines the development of plot and explains how conflicts are resolved in literature, using all four conflict themes and narrative points of view
- ✓ Compares types of literature
- ✓ Evaluates author's choice of vocabulary and literary elements which contributes to the quality and enjoyment of a text

## **Language Arts - Writing**

- ✓ Focuses, organizes, and elaborates to construct an effective message for readers
- ✓ Revises writing by continuously rereading and making changes while drafting to clarify meaning
- ✓ Publishes and shares narratives, information pieces, persuasive essays, and poetry
- ✓ Creates legible, visually-pleasing word and graphic documents
- ✓ Connects 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
- ✓ Analyzes bias, stereotyping, and persuasion techniques in writing
- ✓ Explains an author's purpose in a written piece