



Fourth Grade Syllabus 2019-2020

Unit #	Reading Topics	Months Taught
1	Building a Reading Life: Using Fountas & Pinnell Reading Strategies, Discovering Reading Engagement, Building Fluency, Characterization, Understanding Theme and Ideas, Predicting and Envisioning with Texts	August - September
2	Supporting Foundational Skills in Nonfiction Reading: Determining Main Topic(s) and Idea(s), Determining Key Details, Text Structure	October – Mid November
3	Reading and Text Based Evidence: Tackling Complex Texts: Understanding Plot and Setting, Determining Main Topics and Ideas, Determining Key Details, Thinking About Characters, Comprehension and Synthesis of Complex Story Elements, Perspective, Point of View, Carrying Ideas across a Text	Mid November - December
4	Learning Through Reading: Determining Main Topics and Ideas, Improving Writing and Reading, Diving into Research	January-Beginning of February
5	Comparing and Contrasting, Tackling Complex Text: Understanding Theme and Ideas, Nuance Reading and Thinking, Analyzing Ideas, Author's Craft	February- Mid March
6	Testing as a Genre: Standardized Testing Preparation, Using Text Evidence, Test Taking Skills, Test Taking Vocabulary	Mid March – April
7	Research Based Reading:: Reading Engagement, Improving Writing About Reading , Supporting Comprehension in Nonfiction	May
	*Poetry, in addition to a variety of genres, will be incorporated throughout the school year.	
Unit #	Social Studies Topics	Months Taught
1	Exploration and The First Americans	September
2	Settlement of the United States	End of September - October
3	Colonies Unite	November - Mid December
4	A Nation Emerges	January
5	Motivations to Expand	End of January - Mid February
6	Effects of Expansion	End of February - March
7	A Nation Divided	End of March - Early May
8	Rebuilding a Nation	May
Unit #	Writing Topics	Months Taught
1	Narrative Writing- Narrative Craft	August –Mid September
2	Opinion Writing- Personal/Persuasive Essays	Mid September- Mid November
3	Informational Writing-Growing as Writers	Mid November- End of December
4	Narrative Writing-The Arc of Story	January-Mid February
5	Opinion Writing- Persuasive Essays	Mid February-End of March
6	Testing as a Genre-Writing	April
7	Informational Writing: History Comes to Life	May- June
Unit #	Math Topics	Months Taught
1	Place Value	September
2	Factors & Multiples	Early October
3	Multiplication & Division	October-November
4	Adding & Subtracting Fractions	November
5	2D Shapes	Late November-December
6	Fraction Comparison & Equivalence	Late December-Early January
7	Angle Measurement	January
8	Measurement Conversion	February

9	Solving Measurement Problems	March
10	Solving Addition and Subtraction Problems - Mixed/Improper Fractions	March-April
11	Multiplying Fractions by Whole Numbers	Late April
12	Comparing Fractions & Decimals	Late April-Early May
13	Problem Solving with Whole Numbers	May
Unit #	Science Topics	Months Taught
1	Process Skills	Beginning September- Mid September
2	Forms of Energy- Light & Sound	October-Beginning of November
3	Stars & Solar System	Mid November-December
4	Weather & Climate	January-Mid February
5	Organisms and Environment	End of February- Mid April
6	Pass Review	End of April- Beginning of June