Avon School English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) Curriculum

Grade 4

Curriculum Overview

"In the first unit, Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story, children study the complexity of characters and explore themes while developing skills such as inference and interpretation. In the second unit, Reading the Weather, Reading the World, children form research teams to delve into topics about extreme weather and natural disasters while developing their skills in cross-text synthesis, practicing close reading, comparing and contrasting, and evaluating sources to determine credibility. Children take on the challenge of researching history in the third unit, Reading History: The American Revolution. Children study multiple points of view, support a position with reasons and evidence, tackle complex texts, and learn strategies for using new domain-specific words. In the final unit for fourth grade, thistorical Fiction Clubs, children practice reading analytically, synthesizing complicated narratives, comparing and contrasting themes, and incorporating nonfiction research into their reading." "Units of Study for Teaching Reading, Grade 4

"Written for children on the cusp of writing more academic texts, the fourth-grade units familiarizes students with the genres they will regularly encounter throughout school—thesis-driven persuasive essays, literary essays, and research reports. Each of the units begins where children are and then provides a progression of instruction that brings students step by step toward increasing proficiency. In Unit 1, The Arc of Story: Writing Realistic Fiction, students learn that the lenses they bring to reading fiction can also be brought to writing fiction, as they develop believable characters with struggles and motivations and rich stories to tell. This unit is followed by Boxes and Bullets: Personal and Persuasive Essays in which students learn the value of organization and form as they gather evidence to support and express an opinion on opinion opinion

Reference: Calkins, Lucy. Units of Study for Teaching Reading Bundle, Grades K-5: A Grade-by-Grade Workshop Curriculum. New York: Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University, 2015.

Reference: Calkins, Lucy. Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing Elementary Series Bundle, Grades K-5: A Workshop Curriculum. New York: Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University, 2013.

Reference: New Jersey Department of Education. New Jersey Student Learning Standards, 2016.

Reference: New Jersey Department of Education Division of Teaching and Learning. Curricular Framework, 2016.

Unit Title	Timeframe	New Jersey Student Learning Standards
Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story	MP1 (September - November)	W.N.W.4.9 Write nurratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using nurrative technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. W.4.9.a Draw evidence from ilterary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. R.L.C.4.2 English and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text sugs explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. R.L.C.4.2 English major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., vers., rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., coats of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writings or speaking about a text. R.L.S.4.1 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., vers., rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., coats of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writings or speaking about a text. R.L.S.4.1 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., vers., rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., coats of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage dreet continued and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level lext-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed. L.R.F.4.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and vord analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. L.R.F.4.4 Read with sufficient accurate and provides and experience of the support comprehension. S.F.4.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-on, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. S.F.4.2 Engage of the cities of the support comprehension. S.F.4.3 Engage of the critical between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate feet, small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriat

The Arc of Story: Writing Realistic Fiction	MP1 (September - November)	W.NW.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using narrative technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) W.W.P.4.4 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. W.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. W.RW.4.7 Write routinely over extended time frames (with time for research and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. RI.L.T.4.3 Describe the impact of individuals and events throughout the course of a text, using an in-depth analysis of the character, setting, or event that draws on textual evidence. SI.4.4 L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. L.KI.4.1 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. L.V.J.4.3 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. 1.4.5 Cnutb: Compare the drama/theatre conventions of a given time period with those of the present. L.W.F.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of encoding and spelling. L.W.F.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of encoding and spelling. L.W.F.4.3 Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing, including those listed under grade three foundational skills
Reading the Weather, Reading the World	MP2 (November - February)	W.H. 4.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. W.W.R. 4.5 Conduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.E. 4.6 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; (is not non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.E. 4.6 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; (is not notes, prioritize and eutegorize information and provide a list of sources. W.A.4.9 Druw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. W.E. 4.4.1 Refer to details and examines in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what here exists and examines in the text. W.E. 4.4.1 Refer to details and examines in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what here exists and examines in the text. W.E. 4.4.1 Refer to details and examines in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what here exists and the previous of individuals and events for such exists of the exist
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Reading History: The American Revolution	MP3 (February - April)	W.H.4. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. W.W.H.4. Conduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.S.H.4. Gather releast information from multiple print and digital sources; take notes, proritize and categorize information and provide a list of sources. W.4. sb. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. W.L.D. Brain and examples in a text and make releast connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. R.I.C.4.2 Summarzee an informational text and make releast on supports the author's purpose or a main idea, citing key details from the text. R.I.C.4.2 Summarzee an informational text and make releast on the extent of a text relevant in a grade 4 topic or subject area. R.I.C.4.2 Summarzee an information in a devents throughout the ocurs of a text, explaining events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on evidence in the text. R.I.C.4.2 Summarzee an information in a devent broughout the ocurs of a text, explaining events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on evidence in the text. R.I.C.C.4.2 Summarze and contrast multiple executed to a contrast the text. R.I.C.C.4.2 Sumpare and contrast multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent. R.I.C.C.4.3.2 Sumpare and contrast the treatment of similar themes, topics and patterns of events in literary texts from authors of different cultures. R.I.C.C.4.3.4.2 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes, topics and patterns of events in informational texts from authors of different cultures. R.I.C.C.4.3.4.3 Compare and contrast the treatme
Bringing History to Life	MP3 (February - April)	W.AW.43. Write opinion pieces on topies or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. W.42 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. W.NW.43 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using narrative technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. W.WP.44. Write juidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen uriting as needed by planning, revising, and editing. W.WR.45. Conduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.SE.46. Gonduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different spects of a topic. W.SE.46. Gonduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources; take notes, prioritize and early or the control of individuals and events throughout the course of a text, explaining events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on evidence in the text. RI.T.4.19. Exercise the two certain structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text. RI.T.4.4. Compare and contrast the reatment of similar themes, topics and patterns of events in literary texts from authors of different cultures. RI.C.T.4.8 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes, topics and patterns of events in literary texts from authors of different cultures. RI.C.T.4.8 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes, topics and patterns of events in literary texts from

Historical Fiction Clubs	MP4 (April - June)	W.4.9a/b Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. RL.CR.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. RL.CR.4.2 Summarize a literary text and interpret the author's theme, citing key details from the text. RL.LT.4.3 Describe the impact of individuals and events throughout the course of a text, using an in-depth analysis of the character, setting, or event that draws on textual evidence. RL.4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature. RL.L.4.2 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text. RL.P.4.5 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first-and third-person narrations. RL.M.F.4.6 Make connections between specific descriptions and directions in a text and a visual or oral representation of the text. RL.A.9 Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics. RLCR.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. RLT.T.4.3 Describe the impact of individuals and events throughout the course of a text, explaining events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on evidence in the text. RLT.T.4.1 Describe the impact of individuals and events throughout the course of a text, explainin
The Literary Essay: Writing About Fiction	MP4 (April - June)	W.W.4.4 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) W.W.P.4.4 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. W.W.R.4.5 Conduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print) and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.S.P.4.6 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; take note actegorize information and provide a list of sources. W.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. W.R.W.4.7 Write routinely over extended time frames (with time for research and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. RI.C.R.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. RI.C.I.4.2 Summarize a literary text and interpret the author's theme, citing key details from the text. RI.L.I.4.3 Describe the impact of individuals and events throughout the conves of a text, using an in-depth analysis of the character, setting, or event that draws on textual evidence. RI.4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature. RI.4.2 Octompare, contrast and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics. SI.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.4