

GRADE 4 ENGLISH/READING & WRITING

Fourth grade is a time in which students will put their reading and writing skills to use and continue fine tuning them. Throughout fourth grade, you will check off the following topics.

COMPREHENSION

- Refer to different settings and characters when discussing a story or play
- Use resources such as illustrations, graphs and charts that are related to text
- Compare texts that are written in different perspectives, such as first and third person
- Discuss opposing viewpoints authors take on specific issues, themes and other topics
- Gather information using multiple research tools, such as a dictionary, an encyclopedia, reference books at the library and the Internet

WRITING

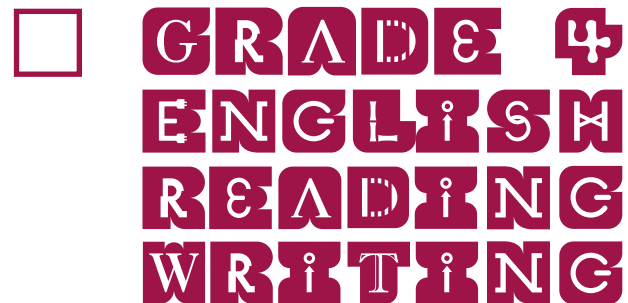
- Write using introductions and conclusions
- Find facts and provide reasoning when drafting opinion pieces
- Complete informative pieces that are detail-oriented and group together similar information
- Use descriptions and dialog in narrative pieces to convey real-life events
- Type at least one page of text in a single sitting
- Cite sources used in research projects appropriately

READING

- Point out specific events within the text, and ask your child to explain the motivations of characters and central themes and ideas related to the story
- Define unknown words through the use of context clues
- Read multi-syllable words by putting to use previously learned skills
- Comprehend grade-appropriate texts at a reasonable pace
- Recognize the differences between narrative prose, drama and poetry pieces
- Highlight specific parts of poems, such as verses

LANGUAGE

- Read published works - plays or poetry - aloud in group settings
- Prepare and present oral presentations to multiple individuals
- Understand the power of the spoken word through examination of the media
- Participate in discussions that revolve around specific topics that have been thoroughly researched and investigated



When entering fourth grade, children have the reading and writing skills that are necessary to advance their language arts skills. It is important for parents to help their children master these concepts and abilities throughout the school year by encouraging reading and writing on a regular basis.