

GRADE 5 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

When finishing up their elementary-level curriculum, children in the fifth grade have a number of reading, writing and language skills to master. Parents can feel confident that their children have mastered the appropriate skills by checking off the following items.

WRITING TECHNIQUES & STYLES

- Understand metaphors and other comparisons in writing
- Identify point of view used by author or narrator
- Explain how point of view affects the story
- Compare character perspectives on particular events, ideas or themes within a story
- Write opinion pieces with an introduction and conclusion
- Put together informational writing, including definitions, quotations and facts
- Plan, write, revise and edit pieces of writing
- Write for short and long periods of time
- Develop individual style in writing
- Summarize written text in speech and writing
- Come to opinions based on text and gathered information

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

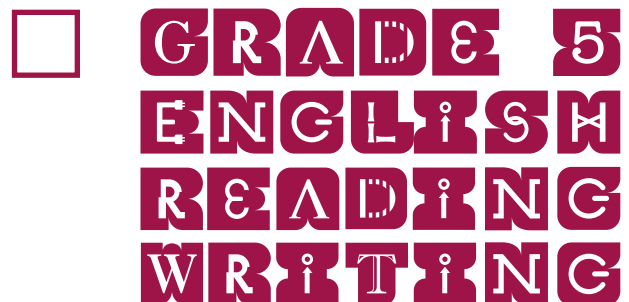
- Conduct research through the use of multiple sources, including both texts and the Internet
- Take notes and properly reference sources in writing
- Publish and research using technology under supervision
- Use technology to give presentations on researched topics
- Use multimedia for supplementing presentation information

LITERATURE

- Read fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama
- Use direct quotes from texts to explain ideas
- Summarize texts
- Recognize and identify the main idea and theme in a story
- Find context clues to compare characters and events within a genre

VOCABULARY & PUNCTUATION

- Define unknown words through the use of context clues
- Know how to use technology to answer questions presented in the text
- Use dialogue and other details to write narratives
- Proper use of English grammar in writing and speaking
- Understand when it is necessary to write in different perspectives and tenses
- Adapt speech and writing for specific audience or due to context
- Correct use of punctuation and capitalization



By developing and mastering these skills in fifth grade, your child will be fully prepared for the information that is presented at the sixth grade level for English and language arts.