



Falcon International School

Course Description

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Reading

This year students will learn strategies that enable them to be effective readers. These strategies include prediction, inference, self-monitoring, clarifying, asking questions, evaluating, synthesizing and summarizing materials. Students will be immersed in a variety of genres such as personal narrative, non-fiction, fantasy, social issues, memoirs and poetry. The instruction is standards-driven with specific goals in mind for the students. Students engage in a variety of learning and assessment activities that are adjusted to reflect their needs. . Reading and gaining an appreciation for literature will be at the heart of this class. They will learn to relate to the characters in their stories as well as analyze the author's reason for writing a story. Students engage daily in experiences in which they learn to express their thinking and understanding in writing.

After successfully completing this course students will be able to...

- Critically read
- Infer
- Synthesize the text
- Compare and contrast characters in their books
- Describe what motivates a character
- Understand the components of non-fiction
- Understand the differences between genres
- Understand the components of personal narrative
- Understand the difference between expository and informational text
- Understand the elements of a fantasy story
- Understand the different sections of the newspapers and how to locate information

Course Content Reading/Comprehension

Unit-Personal Narrative

Mentor Text

1. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
2. Frindle

Readers Infer and Grow Ideas about Characters

- Characterization – actions and motives
- Story Elements - Main ideas and supporting details
- *The Hot and Cold Summer*
- *Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family*
- *Folk Takes from Asia*

Unit – Non-fiction

Mentor Text:

1. To be determined..

Reading/Comprehension

Nonfiction Reading

- Lewis and Clark
- Summer of Fire
- Smoke Jumpers *short*
- Seeing Earth from Space

Unit- Fantasy

Mentor Text:

1. Narnia-The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Reading/Comprehension

Fiction *fantasy, fables, folktales, mystery*

- The Case of the Flying Saucer People
- Off and Running
- Hattie's Birthday Box

Unit- Content Area

Mentor Text: to be determined...

Reading/Comprehension

Expository/Informational texts –Structure

- Black Frontiers
- Everglades
- Oceans
- Iditarod Dream
- *Climate and Seasons*

Unit – Social Issues

Mentor Texts:

1. Joey Pigza Swallows A Key

Unit-Memoirs

Mentor Texts: To be determined..

Reading/Comprehension

Personal Narratives/Persuasive essay

- Woodsong
- Satchmo's Blue

Unit - Poetry

Mentor Texts- Shell Silverstein