

Grade 5 Language Arts/Handwriting Course Outline

Text: *Pathways 2.0 Program, Weekly handwriting practice sheets*

Supplementary Material

General Goals

English Language Arts education enables students to develop their writing, reading, listening and speaking abilities in order that they may communicate with a variety of audiences and for different purposes. The program is designed to develop students' skills in punctuation, spelling and grammar through the use of a variety of writing strategies. The Handwriting program is designed to develop the penmanship skill of cursive writing.

SEPTEMBER

Theme: Heroes

Unit 1: Sentences

Narrative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

OCTOBER

Theme: My World

Units 2 & 3: Writing Personal Narratives

Nouns

Narrative Essay, Memoirs

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

NOVEMBER

Theme: Living Things

Units 3 & 4: Nouns continued

Writing Instructions

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

DECEMBER / JANUARY **Theme: Walking with God/ Friends and Family**

Units 5 & 6: Verbs

Writing Letters

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due January 15)

FEBRUARY **Theme: Friends & Family**

Unit 7: Adjectives

Informative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

MARCH **Theme: Environment**

Unit 8: Writing descriptions

Informative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

APRIL **Theme: Personal Feelings & Growth**

Units 9 & 10: Pronouns

Writing Persuasive Paragraphs

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

MAY **Theme: Yesterday**

Units 11 & 12: Adverbs

Writing Stories

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15th & one due on the 30th)

JUNE **Theme: Social Issues & Culture**

Units 13 & 14: Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

Writing Research reports

One writing piece

One book report (Due two days before the last school day)

NB: Common Core practice work will also be done using a test preparation book provided by the school. Chapters will be completed in order to prepare the students for the ELA state test in April.