

First/Second Grade
English Language Arts Block

Our ELA block provides direct instruction for all students while maintaining rigor that challenges students and meets the State Curriculum outcomes and the needs of the 21st century citizen.

- *Writing Block and Word Study Block can be embedded into reading groups or taught in a separate block of time.*

Component	Description	Possible Student Tasks
Whole Group Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension of Literary and Informational Text • Read Aloud/Shared Reading • Handwriting • Vocabulary • Phonics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poetry/short text/song ○ Making words ○ Morning Message 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry erase board responses • Song/poem activities • Think-Pair-Share • Interactive/Shared Writing
Reading Groups (Any group that includes explicit instruction in reading and writing)	<p>Guided Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher works with a small group having similar reading abilities. • The teacher supports children as they read an appropriately challenging text and makes teaching points before, during, and after reading. • Groups are reorganized based upon careful teacher assessment of student knowledge and performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Teacher (Reading Groups) • Listen to Reading • Work on Writing • Read to Self • Computer • Literacy Centers • Sight Word Practice • Fluency Practice
Word Study	An organized approach that addresses word recognition, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorting words or pictures • Word Hunts • Poetry • Making Words • Application of skills to writing • Dry erase dictation • Vocabulary graphic organizers • Marking up words • Word study games

Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole Group Writing Instruction• Shared Writing• Interactive Writing – Teacher and children compose messages and stories using a “shared pen” or “shared writing” technique that involves children in the writing.• Small Group or Individual Conferences – based on assessed needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writer’s Workshop• Application of skills taught• Sharing• Meeting with teacher• Journal writing
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