

Third-Fifth Grade

Humanities 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.

- *Social Studies content can be embedded into any/all components of the Humanities block or taught in a separate block of time.*
- *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 • Teacher Modeling/Think Aloud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry erase board or post-it responses • Think-Pair-Share
Reading Groups (Any group that includes explicit instruction in reading and writing)	<p>Flexible Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups are structured based on comprehension needs. • Groups are reorganized based on careful teacher assessment of student knowledge and performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Teacher (Reading Groups) • Listen to Reading • Writing: Process or Journal • Read to Self • Read to Buddy • Computer • Fluency Practice • Reader Response
Word Study	An organized approach that addresses word recognition, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling. This can include Social Studies vocabulary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorting words • 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 students compose messages and stories using a “shared pen” or “shared writing” technique that involves students 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

