

Grade 5 ELA Unit 2

Dear Grade 5 ELA Families,

Welcome to the second 5th grade unit in English Language Arts! We would like to give you an overview of the unit and what your child will be working on as readers and writers.

In this unit, your child will be reading realistic fiction and writing fictional narratives.

In reading, your child will be listening to a mentor text (Wonder) and a handful of picture books, watching short video clips, and reading in book clubs. Through these books, your child will be learning strategies to:

- Make inferences about characters
- Support their thinking with evidence from the text
- Identify perspective and develop alternate perspectives

In writing, your child will be crafting a fictional narrative in which they will develop characters, perspective, events, a problem, and solution. Students will reflect on the questions, "Why do we tell stories?" And "What makes a good story?" as they plan, draft, revise, edit, and publish their own piece.

How to help your child at home:

- Talk to your child about what he/she is reading! Ask:
 - What are you reading? What is the book about?
 - How would you describe the characters?
 - Why do you think that? What parts of the story make you think that?
 - Who is telling the story? What do you know about them as a character?
 - Who else could tell the story? What would their story sound like?
- Have your child share where they are in the writing process and what strategy(ies) they are working on as a writer.

We are looking forward to delving into this exciting reading and writing work!

Sincerely,

Grade 5 ELA Teachers