3rd Grade Reading-Language Arts (RLA) Syllabus

Course: 3rd Grade RLA

Course Description

In 3rd Grade Reading-Language Arts (RLA), students deepen foundational skills through the exploration of a wide range of literary and informational texts. Instruction focuses on strengthening comprehension, expanding vocabulary, and enhancing written expression. Students engage with fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, argumentative texts, traditional literature, and extended novels. This curriculum aligns to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and encourages critical thinking and communication through reading and writing.

Curriculum Overview

Unit	Unit Focus
Unit 1	Fiction
Unit 2	Informational Text
Unit 3	Argumentative Text & Drama

Unit 4 Hybrid Text & Poetry

Unit 5 Paired Texts

Unit 6 Traditional Literature & STAAR Review

Unit 7 Novel Study

Skills & Standards

Reading Comprehension & Literary Analysis

- Generate questions, monitor comprehension, and make inferences.
- Analyze character relationships, plot elements, setting, and theme.
- Determine central idea, summarize, and compare across genres.
- Interpret figurative language and sensory imagery.
- Evaluate author's purpose, point of view, and text structure.

Phonics & Word Study

- Decode multisyllabic words, including closed/open syllables, VCe, vowel teams, and r-controlled patterns.
- Use prefixes, suffixes, and homophones accurately.
- Apply knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, and compound words.

Written Expression & Composition

- Compose literary, informational, argumentative, poetic, and correspondence texts.
- Develop drafts with clear introductions, supporting details, and conclusions.

- Use transitions effectively and revise for coherence and clarity.
- Craft constructed responses citing text evidence.

Grammar & Conventions

- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar in writing.
- Apply parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, and prepositions.
- Construct compound sentences and apply subject-verb agreement.
- Edit for verb tenses, contractions, apostrophes, and commas in a series.

Grading

See Hitchcock ISD grading guidelines for expectations related to assignments, assessments, and mastery standards.