

Fifth Grade Reading / Language Arts Curriculum Map
 School Year 2008-2009
 Trusheim / Hyland / Natoli / Picone

Organizing Concepts										
Month	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Essential Questions	<p>What are the characteristics of non-fiction?</p> <p>How does understanding of steps in a process develop understanding of sequence?</p> <p>How does use of graphic organizers help comprehension of text?</p>	<p>What are the characteristics of fantasy?</p> <p>How does figurative language help a reader develop vivid images?</p> <p>What are parts of a character analysis?</p> <p>Understanding Cause and Effect.</p>	<p>What are the characteristics of realistic fiction?</p> <p>How does a character's perspective influence the reader's understanding?</p> <p>How does plot develop within a story?</p>	<p>What are the main events and story details?</p> <p>How does language influence understanding?</p> <p>How can one develop intercultural understanding through literature?</p>	<p>What are the characteristics of biography?</p> <p>How does the author's purpose influence the reader?</p> <p>How does reading develop clear perceptions of history, multi-cultural awareness, and positive character traits?</p>	<p>What are the elements of a folktale?</p> <p>What are the similarities and differences of folktales from different cultures?</p>	<p>What are the elements of historical fiction?</p> <p>How does a reader identify and develop understanding of a theme?</p>	<p>What are the elements of play?</p> <p>How does film adaptation of literature compare to a story?</p>	<p>How can a reader utilize fiction to better understand non-fiction?</p> <p>How does summarizing and retelling a story heighten understanding?</p>	<p>What are the elements of a mystery?</p> <p>How does one compile clues from a story to make predictions and solve a mystery?</p> <p>What role does listening play in comprehension?</p>
Related Literature	Diver and the Dolphins	<i>The Wishgiver</i> By Bill Brittain	<i>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i>	The Yang's First Thanksgiving	Read Aloud: <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	1.Wiley, his Mama, and the Hairy	1. Meeting Mr. Henry 2. <i>In the Year</i>	1. Scope Magazine: Baseball's	<i>When the Soldiers Were Gone</i>	Missing Links ** Individual

	Fury of a Hurricane A Night Alone		By Louis Sacchar	Dwaina Brooks The Baker's Neighbor	The Long Path to Freedom Scope Magazine	Man 2.Oona and Cuchulian 3.Selections from <i>If the People Could Fly</i>	<i>of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> 3. Read Aloud: Dirt on Their Skirts	Most Valuable Player 2. Sam and Davy 3. Film: thank You, Jackie Robinson	Non-Fiction Pieces relating to the Holocaust and current world situations	Presentations – Biography performance
Skills /Projects	1.Spelling 2.Kinds of sentences / sentence structure 3.Writing non-fiction	1.Spelling 2.Understanding Nouns / Pronouns 3.Paragraph Formation 4.Writing a Fantasy Story	1.Spelling 2.Writing Friendly and Business Letters 3.Journal Writing 4.Free Verse Poetry	1.Spelling 2.Persuasive writing 3.Oral Presentations	1.Spelling 2.Adjectives 3.Writing Personal Narratives	1.Spelling 2.Adverbs 3.Writing tall tales or folktales	1.Spelling 2.Prepositions 3.Poetry	1.Spelling 2.Researching Heroes of Character 3.Drafting a Report	1.spelling 2.Editing and Publishing a Report 3.Parts of Speech Review	1.Spelling 2.Writing a Mystery 3.Individual Presentations – Biography performance