

## ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA ~ Course Description

In Grade 5, students refine and master previously learned knowledge and skills in increasingly complex presentations, reading selections, and written compositions.

Fifth grade students can identify a speaker's persuasive technique such as promises, dares, and flattery in presentations. Students read from classic and contemporary selections and informational text.

Fifth grade students are able to judge the internal consistency or logic of stories and texts. Students recognize the way an author organizes information and engage in more sophisticated analysis of characters, plots, and settings.

Fifth grade students are able to select and use different forms of writing for specific purposes such as to inform, persuade, or entertain. Students vary sentence structure and use conjunctions to connect ideas. Students are able to use literary devices such as suspense, dialogue, and figurative language in their writing.

Fifth grade students edit their writing based on their knowledge of grammar and usage, spelling, punctuation, and other conventions of written language. Students produce final, error-free pieces of written composition on a regular basis.

Fifth grade students search out multiple texts to complete research reports or projects. Students use visuals to support their research projects.

Students take notes during oral presentations and organize and summarize spoken messages. Students are able to understand idioms, multi-meaning words, and analogies in text. Students use study strategies to learn and recall important ideas.

In grade 5 Reading, reading levels are accelerated and the main concentrations are in vocabulary development, comprehension, and writing skills. Ability to think and question on high levels is emphasized. Students use various reading strategies to interpret and comprehend text. Students will analyze character and plot development. Students are introduced to many literary forms including fantasy, poetry, historical and realistic fiction, information articles, and multicultural perspective.

