

### Course Description:

Language Arts 1 (2 of 2) focuses on acquiring new words, experimenting with sounds and syllables, and accounting for the parts of a well-crafted sentence. Reading skills include asking and answering questions about texts as well as drawing conclusions. Reading selections include poetry, fairy tales, informational texts, and opinion texts. Writing includes an informational writing project and an opinion writing project.

### Course Objectives:

- Ask and answer questions to understand what you read.
- Create mental images when reading a text.
- Define and sort words by category and attributes.
- Figure out the author's purpose when reading a text.
- Find and understand the meaning of words and shades of meaning while reading.
- Find and understand the parts of a poem.
- Find the author's opinion and the supporting reasons in opinion text.
- Find the title and names of the author and illustrator in a text.
- Find the topic, main idea, key details, and supporting facts in informational text.
- Find, read, spell, and understand words with different endings.
- Make predictions when reading a text.
- Make word-to-word, word-to-picture, text-to-text, text-to-world, and personal connections when reading.
- Read and spell words with digraphs and blends.
- Read and understand informational and opinion text.
- Read and understand literary text.
- Read words with long vowels and vowel teams.
- Read, spell, and write sentences with sight words.
- Retell the beginning, middle, and end or sequence of events in a story.
- Use different types of sentences and punctuation.
- Use parts of speech correctly when speaking and writing.
- Write a poem.
- Write about a story or text.
- Write an informational and opinion text.

### Required Materials:

Required:

- crayons, markers or colored pencils
- paper
- pencils
- primary writing paper
- printables (see link in Syllabus)
- printer and printer paper (for printables)
- whiteboard
- whiteboard erasers
- whiteboard markers

**Teachers will need:**

Required:

- fictional texts for Grade 1 for independent reading
- informational texts for Grade 1 for independent reading

Optional:

- sentence pocket chart
- sentence strips

### Course Overview:

This course is made up of 18 units. Each unit has five lessons. Lessons are made up of activities that include the following types of learning:

- **Warm-Ups** allow for practice of skills or concepts taught in previous lessons. These are graded activities.
- **Direct Instructions** provide modeling of new skills and concepts. These are not graded activities.
- **Guided Practices** allow for practice of a skill with support. These are graded activities only on a completion basis.
- **Independent Practices** allow for practice of a skill without support. These are graded activities.
- **Unit Reviews** allow for practice of skills before the student takes unit exams. These are not graded activities.
- **Unit Exams** test mastery of skills from the unit. These are graded activities.
- **Projects** provide an opportunity for practice of more complex skills across several activities or lessons within a unit. These activities require a final graded submission.