

# Unit 4- Fiction

Content Area: **Language Arts**  
Course(s): **E/LA 3**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 2**  
Length: **6 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Essential Questions

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- How can we write engaging fiction stories?
- How do we develop into effective writers?
- What role does writing play in our lives?
- What is the purpose of applying grammar, mechanical skills, and correct spelling?
- How do writers use language to effectively communicate their desired purpose in a piece of writing?

## Big Ideas

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- Students explore fiction writing and they draft, revise, and publish their own stories.
- Students learn how to integrate elements of character, setting, and plot into their own stories.
- Students explore features of good fiction, including how characters are revealed through description, action, and speech, and discover how well-crafted endings bring a story's events to a close.
- Students use temporal words and phrases to convey event order, and include interesting verbs and adverbs to make their writing dynamic.
- Students learn important skills and conventions pertinent to fiction writing, such as punctuating dialogue and correcting run-on sentences.

## Spelling and Handwriting

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### Spelling:

Spelling List 4- Open Syllable Words  
Spelling List 5- Closed Syllable Words  
Spelling List 6- R-controlled vowels

### Handwriting Goals:

- Using the Handwriting Without Tears Program, teachers will provide formal and structured instruction for students to learn cursive writing. Students will learn a new physical approach to writing and motor control developed for learning cursive.
- Teachers will provide 3 stages of instruction:
  - Stage 1 Direct Instruction- Watch someone form a letter first, and then

write it.

- Stage 2 Guided Practice-Look at a letter and then write it
- Stage 3 Independent Practice - Write without watching someone or seeing the letter

- Begin Unit 3- Lowercase u, y, i, j, k, r, s

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- RL.CR.3.1. Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
- RL.CI.3.2. Recount in oral and written form key details from a text and explain how they support the theme (in literary texts, e.g., fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures).
- RL.TS.3.4. Utilize and reference features of a text when writing or speaking about a text, referring to parts of stories, dramas, and poems, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- RL.MF.3.6. Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).
- SL.PE.3.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- SL.PE.3.1. B Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
- SL.PE.3.1.C Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.
- SL.PE.3.1.D Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion
- SL.II.3.2. Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- W.NW.3.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events with basic story elements.
- W.NW.3.3.A Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; clearly organize an event sequence.
- W.NW.3.3.B Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- W.NW.3.3.C Use transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
- W.NW.3.3.D Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events.
- W.NW.3.3.E Provide a conclusion or sense of closure that follows the narrated experiences or events.
- W.RW.3.7. Engage in independent and task-based writing for both short and

extended periods of time, producing written work routinely.

## **Assessments**

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- Fiction Individual Writing Assessment
- Fiction Student Self-Assessment

Writing Piece [Rubric](#)

## **Resources**

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- Octopus Stew
- Swashby and the Sea
- Going Down Home with Daddy
- The Good Little Book