

# Quarter 1 What Will Fifth Graders Learn this Quarter in Language Arts?

## Our Focus: Reading for Literary Experience and To Be Informed

### *What questions will we ask ourselves?*

#### *Reading for Literary Experience*

- How does knowing the structure of the story help me to become a better reader?
- How can the setting affect the characters in a story?
- How does knowing the characteristics of historical fiction help me as a reader?
- How do strategies such as predicting and summarizing help me understand what I read?
- How does my background knowledge help me understand the text?

#### *Reading to be Informed*

- How does background knowledge about a topic help us make predictions?
- How do strategies like predicting and summarizing help me understand what I read?

### *Why are we learning this?*

#### *Reading for Literary Experience*

- To improve our comprehension of historical fiction text
- To practice our summarizing skills
- To make us better readers who can build background knowledge and connect a text to our lives and experiences

#### *Reading to be Informed*

- To improve our comprehension of non-fiction text
- To practice using Organizational Text Features
- To make us better readers who can use non-fiction strategies we have learned

### *Vocabulary Words:*

characteristics	main idea
mood	resolution
exposition	compare / contrast
character (traits)	theme
tone	similarities/differences
climax	rising actions
conflict	falling actions
resolution	plot
events	motive
text features	inference
setting	

### *How will we learn these things?*

#### *Reading for Literary Experience*

- By examining elements of fictional texts
- By identifying and describing the setting
- By explaining how the setting affects the characters and the mood
- By using the characteristics of a text to identify its genre
- By identifying and explaining the main idea
- By using strategies to monitor our reading
- By connecting the text to our prior knowledge and personal experiences

#### *Reading to be Informed*

- By using text features to locate information
- By sorting relevant and irrelevant information
- By summarizing, predicting, visualizing, and making inferences within specific text

### *The Four Comprehension Strategies*

\*Predict      \*Question      \*Clarify      \*Summarize