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English Language Arts – Grade 6

2021-2022 Pacing Calendar

Units of Instruction

Unit 1: Our Stories Matter

Unit 1 establishes the practices and routines of the reading and writing workshop while exploring how reading can change our perception of others. Students examine narrative texts, fiction and literary nonfiction, while building their knowledge of genre and reading comprehension strategies. Students craft personal narratives, employing the key features of the genre.

In addition to addressing the focus standards of the unit, students engage in daily independent reading and low-stakes writing.

2021		August				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	Enrichment Opportunities					
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Teacher Service Days (no students)		Teacher Prep Day (no students)	Teacher Service Days (no students)		
22 C1W1	23 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	24	25	26	27	28
29 C1W2	30 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes: Aug. 16-20 - Teacher Service Days (no students)				



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2021		September				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 C1W2	30	31	01 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04
05 C1W3	06 Labor Day	07 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	08	09	10	11
12 C1W4	13 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	14	15	16 Fall Holiday	17 Teacher Service Day (no students)	18
19 C1W5	20 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	21	22	23	24	25
26 C1W6	27 Unit 1 (11 90-min. class periods)	28	29	30 • Extend • Review • Assess • Reteach	01	02
03	04	Notes: Sept. 6 - Labor Day Sept. 16 - Fall Holiday Sept. 17 - Teacher Service Day (no students)				



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Unit 2: Get a Clue

In Unit 2, students sharpen their comprehension and inferential skills through the independent and shared reading of multiple genres. Students delve deeper into fiction texts with a focus on the mystery genre and begin evaluating poetry. Students analyze how authors create meaning and convey mood through fictional elements and poetic techniques. Students craft original poems and formulate literary responses.

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2021		October				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 C1W6	27	28	29	30	01 • Extend • Review • Assess • Reteach	02 END OF CYCLE 1
03 C2W1	04 Teacher Service Day (no students)	05 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	06	07	08	09
10 C2W2	11 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	12	13	14	15	16
17 C2W3	18 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	19	20	21	22	23
24 C2W4	25 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	Notes: Oct. 4 - Teacher Service Day (no students)				



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Unit 3: Seeing the World

Unit 3 empowers students to learn about the world through informational texts. While strengthening comprehension skills, students examine how authors choose to communicate controlling ideas through facts, details, organizational patterns, graphic and print features. Students apply their understanding of informational text to craft articles.

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2021		November				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 C2W5	01 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04	05	06
07 C2W6	08 Unit 2 (10 90-min. class periods)	09	10	11	12	13 END OF CYCLE 2
14 C3W1	15 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Thanksgiving						
28 C3W2	29 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	30	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes: Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break				



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2021		December				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 C3W2	29	30	01 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04
05 C3W3	06 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	07	08	09	10	11
12 C3W4	13 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Enrichment Opportunities		Winter Break			
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	Winter Break					
02	03	Notes: Dec. 20-31 - Winter Break				



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Unit 4: Get Lost in a Story

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Students read short stories, novel excerpts, and drama to analyze how authors create worlds through dramatic conventions and fictional elements. Students employ the tools of fiction to craft original fictional stories.

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2022		January				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02 C3W5	03 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	04	05	06	07	08
09 C3W6	10 Unit 3 (10 90-min. class periods)	11	12	13	14	15
16 C4W1	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 Teacher Prep Day (no students)	19 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	20	21	22
23 C4W2	24 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	25	26	27	28	29
30 C4W3	31 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	Notes: Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan. 18 - Teacher Preparation Day (no students)				
						END OF CYCLE 3



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2022		February				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 C4W3	31	01 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04	05
06 C4W4	07 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	08	09	10	11	12
13 C4W5	14 Unit 4 (14 90-min. class periods)	15	16	17	18	19
20 C4W6	21 Teacher Service Day (no students)	22	23	24	25	26 END OF CYCLE 4
27 C5W1	28 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	Notes: Feb. 21 - Teacher Service Day (no students)				



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Unit 5: Speak Up!

Unit 5 encourages students to share their opinions through argumentative writing.

Students examine various mediums to analyze the effects of informational structure and argumentative techniques on meaning and author's message. Students synthesize their learning to compose argumentative letters.

In addition to addressing the focus standards of the unit, students engage in daily independent reading and low-stakes writing.

2022		March				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 C5W1	28	01 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04	05
06 C5W2	07 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Enrichment Opportunities			Spring Break		
20 C5W3	21 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	22	23	24	25	26
27 C5W4	28 Chávez / Huerta Day	29 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	30	31	01	02
03	04	Notes: Mar. 14-18 - Spring Break Mar. 28 - César Chávez/Dolores Huerta Day				



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Unit 6: Stretch Your Thinking

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In part I, students continue to engage in authentic reading and writing and reflect upon a year of growth as they prepare for the state assessment.

Part II invites students to investigate a topic of their choice and stretch their thinking through the research process. Utilizing the components of project-based learning, students formulate questions and conduct research to gather information, which they synthesize and present to audiences.

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2022		April				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 C5W4	28	29	30	31	01 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	02
03 C5W5	04 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	05	06	07	08	09
10 C5W6	11 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	12	13	14	15 Spring Holiday	16
17 C5W7	18 Unit 5 (12 90-min. class periods)	19	20	21	22	23
24 C6W1	25 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	26	27	28	29	30
01	02	Notes: Apr. 15 - Spring Holiday				



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2022		May				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 C6W2	02 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	03	04	05	06	07
08 C6W3	09 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	10	11	12	13	14
15 C6W4	16 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	17	18	19	20	21
22 C6W5	23 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	24	25	26	27	28
29 C6W6	30 Memorial Day	31 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes: May 30 - Memorial Day				



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2022		June				
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29 C6W6	30	31	01 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	02	03	04
05 C6W7	06 Unit 6 (14 90-min. class periods)	07	08 Teacher Prep Day (no students) END OF CYCLE 6	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	04	Notes: Jun. 8 - Teacher Preparation Day (no students)				