

Pacing Guide 2009 - 2010 Grade 4

Selection	Focus Skill	Focus Strategy	Writing Craft / Writing Form	Grammar	Spelling
Theme 1 – You Can Do It! (Self-Discovery)					
The Gardener Sept. 14-18	Narrative Elements	Use Context to Confirm Meaning	Voice Descriptive Paragraph	Sentences	Words with Long a and Long e
Donovan’s Word Jar Sept. 21 - 25	Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots	Use Decoding / Phonics	Voice Character Sketch	Declarative and Interrogative Sentences	Words with Long and Short e
My Name is María Isabel Sept. 28 – Oct. 2	Narrative Elements	Make and Confirm Predictions	Voice Personal Narrative	Imperative and Exclamatory Sentences	Words with Long and Short i
Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man Oct. 5 - 9	Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots	Summarize	Voice Story	Subjects and Predicates	Words with Long and Short o and u
Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride Oct. 12-16* 4 day week	Locate Information	Read Ahead	Personal Narrative	Complete and Simple Subjects	Words with /oo/
Review week Oct 19-23 Theme 2 – Side by Side (Working Together)					
The Baker’s Neighbor Oct. 26 -30	Cause and Effect	Use Decoding / Phonics	Effective Paragraphs Paragraph of Information	Complete and Simple Predicates	Words with /är/
The Emperor and the Kite Nov. 2 - 6	Narrative Elements	Self-Question	Effective Paragraphs Written Directions	Compound Subjects and Predicates	Words with /ôr/
Nights of the Pufflings Nov. 9 -13* 4 day week	Summarize	Adjust Reading Rate	Effective Paragraphs Summary	Simple and Compound Sentences	Words with /âr/
The Garden of Happiness	Cause and Effect	Make and Confirm Predictions	Effective Paragraphs	Independent and Dependent	Words with /ûr/

Nov. 16 - 20 SKIP Nov. 23 Thanksgiving			How-to-Essay	Clauses	
How to Babysit and Orangutan Nov. 30 – Dec. 5	Summarize	Use Text Structure and Format	Summary	Complex Sentences	Words with /ou/
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Review Dec. 7 -11 Theme 3 – Make Yourself at Home (Growth and Change)					
Sarah, Plain and Tall Dec. 14-18 Skip Dec. 21 Christmas Vacation	Draw Conclusions	Read Ahead	Effective Sentences Cause-and-Effect Paragraph	Common and Proper Nouns	Words with /oi/
Stealing Home Jan. 4- 8	Compare and Contrast	Use Context to Confirm Meaning	Effective Sentences Explain a Process	Singular and Plural Nouns	Unusual Plurals
The Cricket in Times Square Jan 11- 15	Draw Conclusions	Create Mental Images	Effective Sentences Explanatory Essay	Possessive Nouns	Possessive Nouns
Two Lands, One Heart	Compare and Contrast	Reread to Clarify	Effective Sentences Definition Essay	Abbreviations	Words with Abbreviations

Jan. 18-22* 4 day week					
Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary Jan. 25 - 29	Summarize	Use Text Structure and Format	Explanatory Essay	Pronouns and Antecedents	Words with <i>ei, ie,</i> and <i>eigh</i>
Review Week Feb. 1-5 Theme 4 – Creative Minds (Creativity)					
The Kids' Invention Book Feb. 8-12 Skip Feb. 15 February Vacation	Main Idea and Details	Adjust Reading Rate	Focus/Ideas Paragraph that Contrasts	Subject and Object Pronouns	Words that End with -y or -ey
The Case of Pablo's Nose Feb. 22- 26	Sequence	Read Ahead	Development Persuasive Letter	Possessive Pronouns	Prefixes <i>-un</i> and <i>-dis</i>
In the Days of King Adobe Mar. 1-5	Main Idea and Details	Reread to Clarify	Development Literary Response	Adjectives and Articles	Prefixes <i>non-, in-,</i> and <i>re-</i>
Red Writing Hood Mar.8-12	Sequence	Create Mental Images	Development Compare and Contrast Essay	Comparing with Adjectives	Changing y to I
One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale Mar. 15-19	Compare and Contrast	Make and Confirm Predictions	Compare and Contrast Essay	Verbs	Suffixes <i>-ion, -ness, -able, -less,</i> and <i>-ful</i>
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No review week MCAS ELA Comp. Reading Theme 5 – Community Ties (Communities)					
Fire! Mar. 29- Apr. 2* 4 day week	Elements of Nonfiction: Text Structure	Summarize	Organization Note Taking	Main and Helping Verbs	Words with /r/
A Very Important Day Apr. 5 - 9	Author's Purpose	Use Decoding / Phonics	Organization Outline	Action and Linking Verbs	Words with //
Saguaro Cactus Skip Apr. 12 – 16 Skip Apr. 19-23 Apr. Vacation	Elements of Nonfiction: Text Structure	Adjust Reading Rate	Organization Research Report Draft	Present Tense	Words with /n/
Blue Willow April 26 – 30	Author's Purpose	Summarize	Consolidating Editing Research Report	Past and Future Tenses	Adding <i>-ed</i> and <i>-ing</i>
In My Family May 3- 7	Sequence	Use Context to Confirm Meaning	Publishing a Research Report	Irregular Verbs	Words with Silent Letters
No Review Week Theme 6 – New Lands (Explorations)					
The Gold Rush May 10 - 14	Fact and Opinion	Use Text Structure and Format	Word Choice Descriptive Paragraph	Contractions and Negatives	Contractions
I Have Heard of a	Word	Self-Question	Vivid Words	Adverbs	Homophones

Land May 17 - 21	Relationships		Poem		
Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox May 24 – 28	Fact and Opinion	Create Mental Images	Word Choice Persuasive Essay	Comparing with Adverbs	VCCV Words
Fly Traps! Plants That Bite Back May 31-Jun 4* 4 day week	Word Relationships	Reread to Clarify	Word Choice Descriptive Essay	Prepositions	VCV Words
The Down and Up Fall June 7 - 11	Author's Purpose	Self-Question	Word Choice Story	Prepositional Phrases	Words with Three Syllables