

# Grade 5 Language Arts/Handwriting Course Outline

**Text:** *Language Arts Today*

*Pathways Program, Weekly handwriting practice sheets*

Supplementary Material

## General Goals

English Language Arts education enables students to develop their writing, reading, listening and speaking abilities in order that they may communicate with a variety of audiences and for different purposes. The program is designed to develop students' skills in punctuation, spelling and grammar through the use of a variety of writing strategies. The Handwriting program is designed to develop the penmanship skill of cursive writing.

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Theme: Heroes**

Unit 1: Sentences

Narrative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

### OCTOBER

#### **Theme: My World & Others**

Units 2 & 3: Writing Personal Narratives

Nouns

Narrative Essay, Memoirs

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

### NOVEMBER

#### **Theme: Living Things**

Units 3 & 4: Nouns continued

Writing Instructions

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**DECEMBER / JANUARY**

Theme: Spiritual Journey

Units 5 & 6: Verbs

Writing Letters

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> December  
& one January 15)

**FEBRUARY**

**Friends & Family**

Unit 7: Adjectives

Informative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**MARCH**

**Theme: Environment**

Unit 8: Writing descriptions

Informative writing

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**APRIL**

**Theme: Personal Feelings & Growth**

Units 9 & 10: Pronouns

Writing Persuasive Paragraphs

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**MAY**

**Theme: Yesterday**

Units 11 & 12: Adverbs

Writing Stories

Two writing pieces

Two book reports (One due on the 15<sup>th</sup> & one due on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

**JUNE**

**Theme: Social Issues & Culture**

Units 13 & 14: Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

Writing Research reports

One writing piece

**One book report (Due two days before the last school day)**

**NB: Common Core practice work will be done each week using a test preparation book provided by the school. Two chapters will be done each week to prepare the students for the ELA state test in April.**