



# Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District

## English Language Arts Instructional Calendar Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Kindergarten		
	Reading	Writing
September 20 - October 17	We Are Readers	Launching the Writing Workshop
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
October 22 - November 30	Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Slight Word Power	Writing for Readers
December 3 - 21	Performing Books	Show & Tell
January 3 - February 1	Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles	How-to-Books: Writing to Teach Others
February 4 - 14	FMES Author Study	
February 19 - March 20	Becoming Avid Readers	Persuasive Writing of All Kinds
April - May	Growing Expertise in Little Books: Reading for Information	All About Books
May - June	Readers Are Resourceful: Tackling Hard Words & Tricky Parts in Books	Crafting Stories Using All We Know About Narrative Writing

<b>1st Grade</b>		
	Reading	Writing
September 11 - October 17	Building Good Reading Habits	Small Moments: Writing the Focus, Detail, & Dialogue
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
October 22 - November 21	Word Detectives Use All They KNow to Solve Words	How-To
November 26 - December 21	Readers Have Big Jobs to Do: Fluency, Phonics, & Comprehension	Writing Reviews
January 2 - February 1	Avid Readers	Writing Poetry and Songs
February 4 - 14	FMES Author Study	
February 19 - March 30	Learning About the World: Reading Nonfiction	Nonfiction Chapter Books
April - May	Meeting Characters & Learning Lessons: A Study of Story Elements	From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction
June	Performing Their Books	Writing Project

<b>2nd Grade</b>		
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>
September 18 - October 17	2nd Grade Reading Growth Spurt	Small Moments
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
October 22 - November 9	Readers Have Jobs to Do	Lessons from the Masters: Improving Narrative Craft
November 13 - December 19	Becoming Experts: reading Nonfiction	Hot-To-Guide for Nonfiction Writing
January 2 - February 1	Bigger Books Mean Amping Up Reading Power	Poetry: Big THoughts Small Packages
February 4 - 14	FMES Author Study	
February 19 - March 20	Character	Reviews
March 20 - April	Reading Nonfiction Cover to Cover: Nonfiction Book Clubs	Informational Writing
May - June	Series Book Clubs	Opinion Writing

<b>3rd Grade</b>		
	Reading	Writing
September 4 - October 5	Building a Reading Life	Crafting True Stories
October 9 - November 20	Mystery	Persuasive Speeches
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
November 26 - December 21	Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Ideas & Text Structures	Art of Information Writing
January 2 - February 14	Character Studies	Baby Literary Essay
February 25 - March 29	Test Prep	Test Prep
April 5 - May 10	Research Clubs	Writing About Research
May 13 - June 12	Social Issue Book Clubs Across Fiction & Nonfiction	Once Upon a Time, Writing Fairytales

<b>4th Grade</b>		
	Reading	Writing
September 4 - October 5	Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story	Crafting True Stories/The Arc of the Story
October 9 - November 20	Reading the Weather, Reading the World	Boxes & Bullets
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
November 26 - December 21	Interpretation Book Clubs	Literary Essay
January 2 - February 14	Reading History: The American Revolution	Bringing History to Life
February 25 - March 29	Test Prep	Test Prep
April 5 - May 10	Historical Fiction Book Clubs	Historical Fiction
May 13 - June 12	Reading the Lens of Power & Perspective	Comics: Writing in Pictures

<b>5th Grade</b>		
	Reading	Writing
September 4 - October 19	Character Studies / Interpretation Book Clubs	Narrative Craft
October 12	Pre-K - 8th Grade: Celebrating The Writer Inside of Us	
October 22 - November 20	Tackling Complexity	Journalism
November 26 - December 21	Raising the Level of Interpretation	Literary Essay: Opening Texts Seeing More
January 2 - February 14	Argument & Advocacy	Research Based Argument Essay
February 25 - March 29	Test Prep	Test Prep
April 5 - May 10	Reading in the Content Areas / Civil Rights	The Lens of History / Civil Rights
May 13 - June 12	Fantasy Book Clubs	Comics: Writing in Pictures