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### Vocabulary

Students develop vocabulary through reading broadly at their independent level and through content area reading/study at instructional level: history, social sciences, mathematics, and science.

4.4 The student will expand vocabulary when reading.

Use knowledge about words, information within the text, background knowledge, and word resources to determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in fourth grade texts.

a) **Use context to clarify meaning of unfamiliar words**, including the following types of context clues:
- Definition
- Restatement
- Synonym

b) **Use knowledge of prefixes and suffixes** to read and understand the meaning of words.
- Understand how an affix changes the meaning of a word.

b) **Use knowledge of synonyms**—words with similar meanings.

b) **Use word-reference materials and context** to select the applicable definition of a word.
- Use a glossary.
- Use a dictionary.
- Use dictionary and glossary: use guide words, locate entry words, understand format.
- Use of alphabetical (A, B, C) order.
- Use of parts of a dictionary entry.

b) **Understand that words may have multiple meanings and use word-reference materials and context** (sentence, paragraph & selection) to identify the applicable definition of a multiple meaning word.

**The student will understand and use the vocabulary of Grammar by the end of fourth grade.**

- Noun
- Pronoun
- Adjective
- Verb
- Preposition

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**The student will apply word-analysis skills to decode multisyllabic words.**

- Apply knowledge of syllabication.
- Apply knowledge of contractions.
- Apply knowledge of compound words.
- Apply knowledge of inflected endings such as –ed, –ing, –er, –est.
- Understand the meaning of both singular and plural possessives.
- Use background knowledge and context to understand the meaning of homophones.
- Apply knowledge of synonyms—words with similar meanings.
- Understand the meaning of words with the same roots: for example: tele (telephone/ telegraph), rupt (rupture/rupture), sign (signify/ significant), spect (inspect/spectacle),tract (tractor/traction).
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### Spelling

**Grade-Level Spelling Targets**

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**The student will apply word-analysis skills when reading.**

- Kindergarten – Emergent/Letter Name
- 1st Grade – Letter Name/Within Word Pattern
- 2nd Grade – Within Word Pattern
- 3rd Grade – Within Word Pattern/Syllables and Affixes
- 4th Grade – Syllables and Affixes
- 5th Grade – Syllables and Affixes

### Diphthongs, L-controlled and Digraphs

**/oo/ or /aw/ sound** (ow, au-followed by consonant)
- Long oo sound as in food
- Short oo sound as in book

**/ai/ or /ay/ sound** (ai, ay)
- Long oo sound as in book
- Short oo sound as in book

**/ai/ or /ay/ sound** (ay, au-followed by consonant, a-followed by l)
- Long oo sound as in food
- Short oo sound as in book

**R-controlled vowels**
- Patterns: ear,eer; ar; are, air
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### WRITING

**Writing Goal for the 1st 9 weeks:**
- Launch Writing Workshop.
- Build Writing Community.
- Learn the Writing Process/Routines for generating ideas, composing, revising, and editing a personal narrative.

**Instruction:** Writing workshop routines should be introduced and practiced using teacher-selected methods based on Calkins Units of Study: Launching the Writing Workshop or Being and Writer, Units 1-2.

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### COMPOSITION

#### Prewriting
- Use a variety of pre-writing strategies.
  - Read texts by peers and professionals (mentor texts).
  - Use ideas from a class brainstormed list.
  - Use ideas from personal list of ideas.
  - Talk to classmates about writing.
  - Free-write on a focused topic.
  - Create a graphic organizer, e.g., thinking maps, idea web, sequence organizer

#### Unity
- Connect ideas between sentences.
  - Use pronoun for noun (agreement in number and gender)
  - Uses general location words (e.g., here or there) for specific locations.
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#### Purpose
- Personal Narrative & Explanation
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#### Elaboration
- Include supporting details that elaborate the main idea.
  - Include details that elaborate the main idea—add specific details: specific vocabulary, exact nouns, sensory details and language that help the reader imagine.
  - Expand sentences adding descriptive language, phrases that tell where or when.

#### Written Expression
- Use elements of style, including word choice and sentence variation.
  - Capture reader's interest with the opening hook: unexpected statement, question, dialogue.
  - Vary sentence length and type, including prepositional phrases.
  - Avoid beginning sentences with the same word.
  - Use transition words and phrases for sentence variety.
  - Read writing orally to check for sentence rhythm.

#### Revision
- Revise writing for clarity of content using specific vocabulary and information.
  - Use specific vocabulary to convey experiences/events.

### COMPOSITION CONTINUED

**Students** should focus, organize, and elaborate to construct an effective, cohesive message for the reader. **Focus**

**4.7 The student will write cohesively for a variety of purposes: Personal Narrative & Explanation Nonfiction: Explanation of a Process/How To**

- **Focus** on one aspect of a topic/clear topic.
- **Organize** writing to convey a central idea; sequence events in narratives and explanations.
- **Use** transition words and phrases to manage the sequence of events—words indicating time such as first, next, then, before, after, last, the next day, hours later.
- **Recognize** different modes of writing have different patterns of organization: genre format for
  - **Paragraph:** clear topic sentence focusing on the main idea, developing sentences and elimination of unrelated ideas/details/events.
  - **Explanation:** focused, sequenced, complete, accurate, clear, supported with visuals.
  - **Personal Narrative:** single meaningful event from own life that has led to learning or a change: strong opening, sequenced, and descriptive/sensory detail.

**4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, sentence structure and paragraphing.**

### EDITING

#### Usage and Mechanics

**Capitalization and Punctuation**
- Apply all Grade 3 competencies.
- Use capital letter at beginning of sentences.
- Use end punctuation: period, question mark, exclamation mark.
- Use apostrophe in contractions and singular possessive.
- Use commas in a series & dates.

#### Sentence Structure and Grammar
- Include prepositional phrases.
- Apply all Grade 3 competencies.
- Use complete sentences, including compound.
- Use the word *I* in compound subjects.
- Use past and present verb tense.

#### Grammar End of Year Expectations

Identify the following parts of speech.
- Nouns
- Pronouns
- Adjectives
- Verbs
- Prepositions
- Adverbs
- Conjunctions
- Interjections

Identify the following parts of a sentence.
- Subject
- Predicate
- Prepositional phrase

### Spelling

- Use correct spelling for frequently used words, including common homonyms/homophones.

### Handwriting

The student will write legibly in cursive and understand that legible handwriting is an important tool of written communication.

### Word Processing

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**GRADE-LEVEL SPELLING TARGETS**

**4.8 The student will edit writing for correct spelling.**

**Compound Words**

- Written as one word
- Written with a hyphen

**Two-syllable words that end with schwa + r, schwa + l, or final l sound**

- Spelling ər (er, or, ar)
- Spelling əl (el, al, le)

**Added ending -ed or -ing**

- **Principle 1:** If a base word ends with e, drop the e before adding -ed or -ing.
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### Vocabulary

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- **b)** Use knowledge of prefixes to determine the meaning of a new word formed when a known prefix is added to the known word, e.g., heat/reheat.
- **g)** Understand the difference between a dictionary and a thesaurus.
  - Understand the meaning of signal words and how they help the reader understand text organization: sequence, comparison/contrast, examples, description with clarifying details.

The student will understand and use the vocabulary of Grammar by the end of fourth grade.

- Noun
- Pronoun
- Adjective
- Verb
- Preposition
- Adverb

The student will understand and use the vocabulary of fourth grade standards and SOL assessments.

- See SOL Vocabulary document posted on the Language Arts Curriculum page.

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The student will apply word-analysis skills to decode multisyllabic words.

- Apply knowledge of syllabication.
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- Apply knowledge of inflected endings such as –ed, –ing, –er, –est.
- Understand the meaning of both singular and plural possessives.
- Use background knowledge and context to understand the meaning of homophones.
- Apply knowledge of roots to decode and understand the meaning of words with the same roots: for example: tele (telephone/telegraph), rupt (disrupt/rupture), sign (signify/significant), spect (inspect/spectacle), tract (tractor/traction), scope (telescope/microscope)
- Apply knowledge of prefixes and suffixes.

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Teachers may choose when to teach and reinforce prefixes and suffixes as on-going instruction throughout the school year and are not limited to the common affixes.

### Spelling

Word Study based on Words Their Way and Word Journeys supports students at their developmental level and provides the opportunity for them to extend their knowledge of how words work. Students can be expected to work at the following patterns while in the identified grade.

The student will apply word-analysis skills when reading.

- Kindergarten – Emergent/Letter Name
- 1st Grade – Letter Name/Within Word Pattern
- 2nd Grade – Within Word Pattern
- 3rd Grade – Within Word Pattern/Syllables and Affixes
- 4th Grade – Syllables and Affixes
- 5th Grade – Syllables and Affixes

#### Grade-Level Spelling Targets

4.8 The student will edit writing for correct spelling.

The /k/, /ng/, and /kw/ sounds

- Common spellings for k (ck, k, c)
- Less common spelling for k (ch)
- ng sound (n before k)
- kw sound (qu)

Final long e sound

- Common spellings for final long e sound (ey, y)
- Less common spelling for final long e sound (ie)

Final /j/ and /s/ sounds

- /j/ -dge and –ge
- /s/ -ce

Words with a Prefix or Suffix

- Prefixes: ex- (out of, out, away from), mis- (bad, badly, wrong, wrongly) pre- (before), con- (together with, jointly), com- (together with, jointly)
- Suffixes: -ness (quality of being), -ment (act of), -ful (full of), -less (without), -ible (able to be)

Adding Endings

- es, -ed, -er, -est added to base word that ends in consonant and y (y changed to i)

Syllabication of vCv pattern

- Divide before C if the first vowel sound is long
- Divide after C if the first vowel sound is short and followed by a consonant sound.
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## Third 9-Weeks

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  - Talk to classmates about writing.
  
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  - Identify a variety of appropriate resources to use to research a topic.
  - Select and use appropriate references: atlases, almanacs, and encyclopedias (print and electronic).
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  - Use a note-taking system.
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  - Make outline, graphic organizer, or chart such as 4-square to organize information.
  
- **e)** Understand the difference between plagiarism and using own words.
  
- **d)** Give credit to sources used in research. Keep track of where they found information.
  
| **FOCUS**
| **a)** Identify intended audience.
| **b)** Focus on one aspect of a topic.
  - Write two or more paragraphs on the same topic, each with a clear topic sentence.
| **f)** Write a clear topic sentence focusing on the main idea.
| **d)** Organize writing to convey a central idea.
| **e)** Recognize different modes of writing have different patterns of organization: providing information.
  - Clearly introduce a topic and group related information in paragraphs.
  - Use facts, definitions, opinions, quotations, details, examples, or other information or details to develop the topic.
  - Use specific vocabulary to inform and explain the topic.
  - Provide a concluding statement or section related to the topic.

| **WRITTEN EXPRESSION**
| **b)** Include prepositional phrases.
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  - Link ideas within paragraphs using words and phrases such as another, for example, since, also.
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  - Use vivid word choice.
  - Include sentences of various lengths and beginnings to create a pleasant, informal rhythm.
| **j)** Revise writing for clarity of content using specific vocabulary and information.
  - Use available reference resources (dictionary and thesaurus) as aids to revising writing for clarity.

| **USAGE AND MECHANICS**
| **CAPITALIZATION AND PUNCTUATION**
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| **a)** Use subject-verb agreement: singular nouns with singular verbs; plural nouns with plural verbs.
| **b)** Include prepositional phrases.
| **c)** Eliminate double negatives.
| **d)** Use noun-pronoun agreement: pronoun agrees in number and gender with its antecedent.
| **f)** Incorporate adjectives: use adjectives and adverbs correctly (“He played really well.” Instead of “He played real well.”)
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| **GRAMMAR (GRADE 4 ON-GOING EXPECTATIONS)**
| **- Nouns**
| **- Adjectives**
| **- Pronouns**
| **- Adverbs**
| **- Verbs**
| **- Prepositions**

| **- Subject**
| **- Predicate**
| **- Prepositional phrase**

| **SPELLING**
| **g)** Use correct spelling for frequently used words, including common homonyms/homophones.

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**Explanation Prompt**

**COMPOSITION CONTINUED**

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**- Identify supporting details**  
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**- Analyze the use of italics in a text.**  
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**- Determine the purpose of headings.**  
**- Determine the appropriate detail for student notes.**  
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**- Determine the cause for a given effect.**  
**- Identify an opinion from a text.**  
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Apply understandings of all fiction and nonfiction Standards to demonstrate the competences identified in SPBQ for Grade 4.

- Use context in a passage to determine word meaning.
- Use context to infer the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Choose correct definition form a dictionary entry.
- Apply knowledge of homophones
- Apply knowledge of multiple-meaning words.
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### GRADE-LEVEL SPELLING TARGETS

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#### Syllabication of three-syllable words

Unusual Spellings

- Silent Consonants: k, b, l, w, h
### Writing

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**Writing**

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- Use technology as a tool to organize, evaluate, and communicate information.
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### Written Expression

- Use transition words and phrases for sentence variety.
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  - Select specific information to guide readers more purposefully through the piece.
  - Purposefully shape and control language to affect readers.
- Use elements of style, including word choice and sentence variation.
  - Use specific vocabulary, words, and phrases to convey experiences and events.
  - Include prepositional phrases.
  - Use vivid word choice.
  - Include sentences of various lengths and beginnings to create a pleasant, informal rhythm.
- Revise writing for clarity of content using specific vocabulary and information.
  - Use available reference resources (dictionary and thesaurus) as aids to revising writing for clarity.

### Grammar (Grade 4 On-Going Expectation)

- Identify the following parts of speech.
  - Nouns, Adjectives
  - Pronouns, Adverbs
  - Verbs, Prepositions
- Identify the following parts of a sentence; subject, predicate, prepositional phrase.

### Spelling

- Use correct spelling for frequently used words, including common homonyms/homophones.

### Avoid Plagiarism

-(using someone else’s ideas or words without giving credit)
- Give credit to sources used in research.

### Handwriting & Computer Keyboarding

- The student will write legibly in cursive and understand that legible handwriting is an important tool of written communication.
- The student will use keyboarding skills to compose and prepare final drafts, as appropriate.