# English Language Arts

## Grade 1 Year-at-a-Glance

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<td>This unit focuses on building the classroom community through discussion of themes in literature; routines of the Common Core Classroom are established; initial assessments of reading and writing.</td>
<td>RL.1.2 Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of central message or lesson. RL.1.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.</td>
<td>W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.</td>
<td>SL.1.1.a Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions SL.1.1.b Build on others’ talk SL.1.1.c Ask questions to clear up any confusion SL.2.2.a Give, restate, and follow simple two-step directions</td>
<td>L.1.1.d Use personal possessive, &amp; indefinite pronouns L.1.2.b Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.</td>
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Foundational Skills: Trimester 1

- Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (first word, capitalization, ending punctuation)
- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes)
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words
- Read on-level text with purpose and understanding
- Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary

Designated English Language Development

Designated ELD is a protected time during the regular school day where teachers use the CA ELD Standards in ways that build into and from content instruction in order to develop critical English Language skills, knowledge, and abilities needed for content learning in English. During this protected time, ELs are grouped by proficiency level and are actively engaged in collaborative discussions where they build awareness about language and develop skills and abilities to use language. Designated ELD supports related to the unit foci are available from the Office of Language Acquisition. —Adapted from Ca Dept. of Educ. ELA/ELD Framework, 2014 draft

Unit 1 Resources

2  5 weeks  This unit focuses on determining main ideas and supporting details in informational text and writing informational/explanatory texts.

Reading
- Daily read aloud of informational text
- Daily reading and rereading of texts to practice fluency
- Analysis of text structure (sequential, question/answer, descriptive)
- Use of text features to locate key information and predict content
- Identify main ideas and retell key details that support main idea

Writing
- Daily interactive writing
- Procedural “how-to” text
- Bookmaking to demonstrate new learning on a topic (question/answer or descriptive text structure)

RI.1.2 Identify the main topic/idea and retell key details of a text.
RI.1.5 Know and use various text structures and text features to locate key facts or information.
W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

Supporting Standards:
RI.1.1 RI.1.4
W.1.6 W.1.8

Repeat unit 1, plus:
SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
SL.1.1c Ask questions to clear up any confusion about topics and texts under discussion.

L.1.1.d
L.1.2.c Use commas in dates, words in a series
L.1.4.a Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
Supporting:
L.1.4c
L.1.1.d
**ELA Curriculum Map**

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**Unit 2 Resources**

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<th><strong>This unit focuses on reading and discussing literature as students find the central message, retell using story elements, and interpret ideas and themes within and across narrative text. Students write personal narratives, zooming in on a particular moment in time.</strong></th>
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**Reading**

- Daily read aloud and discussion
- Daily reading and rereading of stories and poems to practice fluency
- Retell stories using story elements, noticing how structure of text leads to theme
- Describe characters, settings and major events in a story
- Explain central message or lesson of stories and poems
- Interpret ideas and themes within and across narrative text
- Identify what the writer has done to make the text surprising, funny, interesting

**Writing**

- Daily interactive writing
- Personal narratives, zooming in on a particular moment

**Supporting:**

- RL.1.1
- W.1.3
- SL.1.2
- L.1.1.e
## ELA Curriculum Map

### Speaking and Listening
- Daily writing including journals, response to literature
- Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says
- Memorize and recite poems, rhymes, and songs
- Describe an event orally before writing
- Daily talk and language development around story elements and theme

### Language
- Daily morning message
- Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, future
- Use precise adjectives to describe, considering shades of meaning
- Capitalize dates and names of people
- Use end punctuation

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### Unit 3 Resources

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<td>This unit focuses on continuing to build understanding of informational text and how they work. Students use various sources including books, articles, and the internet to research a topic. They will participate in a shared research project as well as writing their own informational text based on research of their topic.</td>
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### Reading
- Daily read aloud using informational text
- Daily reading and rereading of texts to practice fluency
- Research a topic by reading informational text, finding key details to answer research questions
- Use various sources, including the internet, to find information about selected topic
- Use text features to help navigate informational text

### Writing
- RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. RI.1.8 Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. Supporting: RI.1.2 RI.1.5 RI.1.6
- W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.1.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects.
- SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. SL.1.1c Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion. Supporting: L.1.1.i Use frequently occurring prepositions L.1.2.e Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series. L.1.4.c Identify frequently occurring root words and their inflectional forms
### ELA Curriculum Map

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<td>Take simple notes around research questions</td>
<td>SL.1.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings</td>
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<td>Write an informational report about selected topic</td>
<td>L.1.5.b Define words by category and by one or more key attributes</td>
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<td>Use digital tools to produce and publish, adding visuals to enhance presentation</td>
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**Speaking and Listening**

- Daily talk around content of informational text, conversations building on ideas of others
- Use of academic language in class discussions
- Ask and answer questions about content being read

**Language**

- Daily morning message
- Define words by categories; categorize information about research topic
- Use frequently occurring prepositions
- Identify root words and their inflectional endings

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**Foundational Skills: Trimester 2**

- Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation)
- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words
- Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs
- Know final-e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis in decoding words both in isolation and in text
- Read words with inflectional endings
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words
- Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings
- Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary

**Unit 4 Resources**

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Literacy Dept. Draft, Spring 2014
This unit focuses on analysis of characters and their actions. Students will make generalizations about characters and character types and compare characters within and across stories. Students will write an opinion essay and a personal narrative.

**Reading**
- Daily read aloud with discussion
- Daily reading and rereading of stories and poems to practice fluency
- Describe characters and character types (based on actions, traits, and problems faced)
- Use illustrations and details in story to further describe characters
- Compare characters and character types within and across stories

**Writing**
- Daily interactive writing
- Analyze an illustration and express an opinion about how the illustrations supports words within the text in relation to the characters (opinion with evidence)
- Write a personal narrative, describing character in detail
- Daily writing including writing to prompts and then practicing sentence expansion and choosing precise vocabulary

**Speaking and Listening**
- Daily opportunities for talk where students build on conversations, extend language
- Ask and answer questions in conversations about characters
- Orally describe details of events before writing
- Memorize and recite poems, rhymes, and songs

**Language**
- Daily morning message
- Nouns- use common, proper, possessive
- Choose precise adjectives when describing
- Use conjunctions (and, but, so, because) to expand sentences
- Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts

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**Unit 5 Resources**

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**ELA Curriculum Map**

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<td>RL.1.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.</td>
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<td>RL.1.9 Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.</td>
<td>SL.1.4.a Memorize and recite poems, rhymes, songs.</td>
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<td>L.1.1.e Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs</td>
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**Literacy Dept. Draft, Spring 2014**
This unit focuses on comparing and contrasting two informational texts on the same topic. Students will look for similarities and differences in illustrations, words, and/or layout. Students will write informative/explanatory texts about a topic, choosing a structure and layout that makes sense for presenting the information.

**Reading**
- Daily read aloud and discussion around informational text
- Daily reading and rereading of texts to practice fluency
- Use text features to survey the text before reading, predicting contents
- Identify the main ideas in informational text and retell key details
- Compare two texts on the same topic, looking for basic similarities in and differences between illustrations, descriptions, procedures

**Writing**
- Daily interactive writing
- Students will write an informative or explanatory text on a topic, naming the topic, supplying some facts about the topic, and providing closure
- Students will decide on the layout/structure that makes sense for presenting the information, as well as deciding what text features to include
- Daily writing includes short constructed responses about topics being read and discussed, note taking and annotation

**Speaking and Listening**
- Daily opportunities to use academic language related to content being read and discussed
- Daily opportunities to expand and refine language to make it more precise and to expand sentence complexity

**Language**
- Daily morning message
- Use singular and plural nouns
- Use conjunctions and prepositions for speaking and writing
- Expand sentences in speaking and writing
- Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of unknown words

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- RI.1.9 Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic
- RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text
- Supporting:
  - RI.1.3
  - RI.1.8

- W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.
- Supporting:
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- SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text
- SL.1.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
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**Foundational Skills: Trimester 3**
- Recognize the distinguishing features of sentences
- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds in spoken single-syllable words
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words
- Read words with inflectional endings

**Weekly Standards**
- RI.1.9 Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic
- RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text
- W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.
- SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text
- SL.1.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

**Notes**
- Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences
- Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because)
- Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward)
- Produce and expand complete simple and compound sentences in response to prompts
- Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of word.
**Unit 6 Resources**

Exemplar Unit: [http://safari.sandi.net/?p=a8547bb8-c3e2-11e3-85a3-842b2b64e69e](http://safari.sandi.net/?p=a8547bb8-c3e2-11e3-85a3-842b2b64e69e) (Overview, tasks, teaching points, assessments, texts)

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This unit focuses on having students apply all they know about reading literature (theme/central message, story elements) as well as examining story structure. Students write an opinion piece and a narrative.

**Reading**

- **Daily read aloud and discussion**
- **Daily reading and rereading of stories and poems to practice fluency**
- **Describe characters, settings, and major events using key details**
- **Analyze stories with various structures (e.g., countdown stories, pattern stories, circular stories)**
- **Determine theme/central message of stories read aloud and independently**

**Writing**

- **Daily interactive writing**
- **Write an opinion piece explaining preferred story structure and giving reasons why it is preferred**
- **Produce a narrative using one of the studied story structures as a model**
- **Daily writing including journals, response to literature**

**Speaking and Listening**

- **Daily opportunities to expand language as students discuss stories and characters**
- **Use of academic language around opinion and evidence**
- **Describe people, places, and events with relevant details**
- **Memorize and recite poems, rhymes, and songs**

**Language**

- **Daily morning message**
- **Use common, proper, and possessive nouns in speaking and writing**

RL.1.3 Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

RL.1.5 Explain major differences in text types.

Supporting:
- RL.1.1
- RL.1.4
- RL.1.6
- RL.1.7

W.1.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

Supporting:
- W.1.6
- W.1.8

SL.1.4 Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.

SL.1.4.a Memorize and recite poems, rhymes, and songs with expression.

L.1.1.b Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.

L.1.1.e Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future.

L.1.1.i Use frequently occurring prepositions.

L.1.1.j Produce and expand complete simple and compound sentences in response to prompts.

L.1.5.d Distinguish shades of meaning.
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