

**Second Grade Language Arts
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance**

Bundle	Title Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<i>What Good Readers and Writers Do</i> Reading and writing is an essential part of our daily lives. Effective readers/writers utilize their senses in order to become better. We are part of a community of learners with roles and responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What does a good reader/writer look like? ▪ Why do we read? What do we read? ▪ Why do we write? What do we write?
2	<i>Beginning Reading and Writing Strategies/Memoirs</i> Strategies help us become effective readers and writers. Memories can be assessed and preserved by effective writers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What stories can I tell about myself? ▪ In reading and writing, what do I do when I get stuck?
3	<i>Comparing Characters and Story Elements</i> Analyzing characters help us learn more about ourselves and others. Effective writers engage the reader and provoke thought, evoke emotion, and stimulate response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do characters help me understand the story? ▪ How are characters like and different from me?
4	<i>Order Our Thoughts/Letter Writing</i> Sequence of events helps us understand and make sense of what we read and write. Effective writers write to communicate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is knowing the order of a story important? ▪ How can I connect with my audience?
5	<i>Comparing Folktales and Legends</i> Comparing similar literature teaches us how stories are alike and different. Analyzing the author's purpose gives us better understanding of the author's background and expertise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does learning about an author help me improve my reading and writing? ▪ What connection can I make when comparing stories?
6	<i>Reading Strategies and Dictionary Skills</i> Using reading and writing tools help us perfect our ability to communicate effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do I use a dictionary? ▪ How can tools make me a better writer? ▪ What resources do I have?
7	<i>Gathering and Organizing Information/Beginning Research</i> Research gives us a deeper understanding of a chosen topic. Using various tools helps us gather and organize our newfound information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can I gather and organize information? ▪ What tools can I use to find information?

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8	<i>Analyzing and Writing Research</i> Research gives us a deeper understanding of a chosen topic. Effective writers will use information gathered to create a finished research product.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does research help me learn more about my topic? ▪ What does a finished research product look like?
9	<i>Plays/Reading Comprehension and Literary Elements</i> Literary elements give us a better understanding of our reading. Plays and dramatizations promote dialogue, inflection, expression, and fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can I incorporate dialogue in my writing? ▪ How does punctuation help the reader better understand my sentences?
10	<i>Fables, Legends, Myths, & Fairytales</i> We can learn moral lessons through fables, legends, myths, and fairy tales. Background knowledge, facts, and details play an important role, and enhance our understanding of what we read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does my background knowledge help me understand a story? ▪ What does the author want me to learn through his/her writings?
11	<i>Poetry</i> Poetry gives us an avenue of self-expression, and allows us to play with words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can I express my feelings through poetry? ▪ What message do I want to tell through my poetry? ▪ How do context clues help me understand multiple-meaning words?
12	<i>A “Second” Look</i> Effective learners will activate their schema, apply prior learning, and gain independence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can I use my previous knowledge to gain independence and be a successful learner?