

Balanced Literacy Schedule

Language Arts Literacy Block – Elementary

Grades 1-4

Monday & Friday

Instructional Focus	Description of Instructional Focus	Grouping	Length of Time
<p>Mini-lesson (1-2) Shared Reading</p>	<p align="center">MONDAY-INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Do Now activity. Teacher models how to apply a strategy; teaches a skill and its application; models how to think to comprehend.</p>	<p>Whole class All students need this lesson</p>	<p align="center">30 minutes</p>
<p>Word Work</p>	<p>Teacher introduces spelling, phonics, grammar, and mechanics. Teachers explicitly show students how the skill is related to improving their reading and writing abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Phonics ❖ Spelling Decoding Strategies ❖ Word Wall ❖ Vocabulary ❖ Conventions ❖ UDL menu and application 		<p align="center">50 minutes</p> <p align="center">80 min total</p>
<p align="center">SKILL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT</p>	<p align="center">FRIDAY</p> <p>Teacher reviews skills and strategies used during the week.</p> <p>Students demonstrate mastery of skills and strategies studied this week</p>	<p>Whole Class- All students need to complete</p>	<p align="center">80 min total</p>

**Language Arts Literacy Block (Writing)– Elementary
Grades 1-4
Monday & Friday**

Instructional Focus	Description of Instructional Focus	Grouping	Length of Time
Mini-lesson	MONDAY Teacher models a writing craft or skill.	Whole Class – all students need this lesson	20 Minutes
Work Period	Independent Writing: ❖ Students write in self-selected topic at different stages in the writing. ❖ Students are encouraged to apply writing skill or craft. ❖ Students share writing with a peer.		10 Minutes
Wrap Up	Students and teacher reflect on how students applied what was taught in the mini-lesson.	Whole Class	10 Minutes
			40 min total — 120 min total for ELA block
SKILL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT	FRIDAY Teacher reviews skills and strategies used during the week. Students demonstrate mastery of skills and strategies studied this week Students demonstrate mastery of skills and strategies studied this week		40 min total — 120 min total for ELA block
Read Aloud	❖ Teacher reads a book that is above the students’ instructional level.	Whole Class	10 At the discretion of teacher

*Subject to change as determined by each grade level’s schedule/holidays/adjustments to the school calendar.