

St. Ann's Academy - English Language Arts

Students at St. Ann's Academy will appreciate different types of reading and writing to develop a love of reading at an appropriate grade level. With a strong focus on foundational reading skills with direct instruction, students will become independent and critical readers and thinkers by participating in active discussions about books and other works of literature and genre. Students will become confident readers and writers through direct instruction in grammar, reading, and writing practice.

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics / Structural Analysis	PK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Recognizes letters of the alphabet								
Letter sounds								
Rhyming words								
Blending sounds to decode words								
Recognizes suffixes and prefixes								
Long and short vowel sounds								
Long vowel patterns (CVCe, CVVC)								
Contractions								
Compound words								
Identifying base words								
Plurals (Including rules to make singular words plural)								
Recognize syllables and use to decode longer words								
Silent consonants								
Spelling	PK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Age-appropriate sight words and spelling of common words using phonics skills								
Encoding words								
Adds prefixes and suffixes								
CV, CVCe, and CVVC words								
Plurals								
Contractions								
Reading Comprehension	PK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Uses prior knowledge to make connections								
Answers questions about reading								
Understands picture-text relationships								
Connects ideas to self, text, and world								
Investigates main idea and supporting details								
Draws and supports conclusions								
Distinguishes between fantasy and reality								

Understands and write poetry									
Study and Research Skills	PK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	
Understands and uses alphabetical order									
Uses a dictionary									
Uses table of contents and index									
Uses graphic organizers									
Follows verbal and written directions and instructions									
Uses references and resources									
Interprets information from graphs, diagrams, charts									
Takes notes and records information									
Uses technology for research and writing									
Aptitudes and Social Skills	PK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	
Listens attentively to peers and instructors									
Learns to ask questions about the moral or meaning of stories									
Learns to speak respectfully, directly, clearly, and confidently									
Learns to participate respectfully during class discussions									
Learns to appreciate and respect others' ideas and opinions									
Learns how to work cooperatively in groups									

KEY		
Material is Introduced	Material is Reinforced	Material is Mastered