Language Arts: Pronouns Unit Organizer

4th Grade Core Knowledge – Manthei, Ronen, Siener

**Summary**

In this domain, students will learn to identify the different types of verbs; helping verbs, main verbs, action verbs, & linking verbs. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of verbs by completing homework and a unit test.

**The Big Idea**

- Identify helping verbs, main verbs, action verbs, and linking verbs and be able to use them correctly and effectively.

- Be able to explain the difference between a linking verb and an action verb

**Colorado Academic Standards**

**L4.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of

standard English grammar and usage when writing or

speaking.

**a.** Form and use the progressive (for example: I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses (CCSSL4.1b)

**Core Knowledge Language Arts**

Language Arts: Grade 4

1. Writing, Grammar, & Usage
   1. Grammar and Usage
      1. Know the following parts of speech and how they are used: verbs

**Previous Unit:** nouns

**Prior Knowledge:**

1st – 3rd Grades

Students should already have knowledge of all eight parts of speech from previous grades, as well as from the Thompson Grammar series and Shurley Grammar. They should be able to identify verbs in sentences.

**Next Unit:** Adjective and Adverbs

**What students will learn in future grades:**

Students will use and identify helping verbs, actions verbs, and linking verbs in future grades in writing, speaking, and grammar classes. They will continue to write more complex sentence and paragraph structures that use a variety of verbs.

**Cross Curricular Links:**

Science:

Human Body

* Class presentations of projects

History:

American Revolution

* Class presentations of biographies

Language Arts:

Writing

* Used properly in all written responses and writing paragraphs

**Additional Resources:**

For Students:

* Practice Town, Michael Clay Thompson (Royal Fireworks Press 2007)
* English 4, Houghton Mifflin (Houghton Mifflin 2006) 978-0-618-61120-1
* HBJ Language, Harcourt Brace Jovanich, Publishers 0-15-316414-X

For Teachers:

* Writers Express, Dave Kemper, (Write Source 1995)