

## LCCS 5th Grade ELA Curriculum Overview

Month	Unit
September-October	Unit 1: Wonder & NWT Writing
November-December	Unit 2: Maniac Magee & LAT Writing
January-February	Unit 3: World's Fair/ Fair Weather & RST Writing
March-April	Unit 4: Oh Rats! & ELA Skills Review
April-May	Unit 5: Seedfolks & Poetry
May-June	Unit 6: Moving Up Ceremony & Read Aloud

### Unit 1: Wonder & NWT Writing

**Overview:** In this unit, students are learning about character development, figurative language, setting, plot, mood, and tone. Students will write reflection narrative essays and create kindness posters that show the book's theme and tone.

Unit Novel: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

**Timeline: 32 days**

### Unit 2: Maniac Magee & LAT Writing

**Overview:** In this unit, students are learning about perspective, theme, conflict, and compare/contrast. Through reading *Maniac Magee* students will analyze characters and their situations to better understand the themes of the novel. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the text on four levels: factual, interpretive, critical, and personal.

Unit Novel: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

**Timeline: 25 days**

### Unit 3: World's Fair/ Fair Weather & RST Writing

**Overview:** Students will understand the significance of the World's Fair and how it brought together culture, history, and new technology in one

event.

Unit Novels: *Fair Weather* by Richard Peck and *The Lost Boy* by Thomas Wolfe

**Timeline: 24 days**

#### Unit 4: Oh Rats! & ELA Skills Review

**Overview:** In this unit, students will learn that as they begin to read more challenging nonfiction, one way it becomes more difficult is that the text gives a lot of information right away—informational authors dive right into a lot of content and readers often need to work to orient themselves early on.

Unit Novel: *Oh Rats!* By Albert Marrin

**Timeline: 20 days**

#### Unit 5: Seedfolks & Poetry

**Overview:** This unit gives students an opportunity to explore poetry by reading, writing, and responding to poetry while expressing their creativity, feelings, and emotions. Poetry allows students an opportunity to express their feelings and emotions as well as make connections to other people and situations. Poetry is a great way for enhancing students' reading, oral, and writing skills. Students will explore what it means to be part of a community and how the actions of one person can positively impact an entire community. Students will grapple with how being part of a community can help a person change and evolve as they discover new things about themselves.

Unit Novel: *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman

**Timeline: 16 days**

#### Unit 6: Moving Up Ceremony & Read Aloud

**Overview:** This unit teaches students that communicating effectively is a life skill that can be used in a variety of social settings and is beneficial on a number of levels and that public communication is a type of interpersonal communication that will be used often in numerous social settings. Students will reflect on the end of the year and produce speeches.

Unit Novels: *Julietta and the Diamond Enigma* by Luisana Duarte Armendariz, *Planet Middle School* by Nikki Grimes

**Timeline: 16 days**