

**Elementary English Language Arts (ELA)
Grading Guidelines
Grades 3-5
Grading Information**

Weights and Sources for Reading Grades

Formal/Informal Resources	Weighting
Unit: Reading Unit Assessment (RUA) - PPS Open Court Reading Unit Assessment	35%
Weekly: Lesson Assessments - PPS Open Court Reading Lesson Assessments - Administering the final lesson assessment for each unit is optional	35%
Assignments: (Teacher's professional judgment for selection of assignments)/ Assignments are weighted (20%) and should represent <u>rigor and relevance.</u> - Text-Dependent Analysis (Grades 4 and 5) - Short-Answer Response Writing (Grade 3) - Summary Writing - Writing Across Texts - Teacher-Created Assignments	20%
Homework	10%

Weights and Sources for Handwriting Grades

Formal/Informal Resources	Weighting
<u>Scored for penmanship:</u> - Spelling (Dictation) - Published Writing Pieces - Teacher-Created Assignments	100 %

Weights and Sources for English/Writing Grades

Formal/Informal Resources	Weighting
Unit - Open Court Reading Genre Writing (Narrative, Informative, or Opinion) - 20 Point Pittsburgh Public Schools Rubric	35%
Weekly - Open Court Reading Instructional Tasks - Teacher-Created Tasks	35%
Assignments (Teacher's professional judgment for selection of assignments)/ Assignments are weighted (20%) and should represent <u>rigor and relevance.</u> - Teacher-Created Assignments - Grammar Activities	20%
Homework	10%

Weights and Sources for Spelling Grades

Formal/Informal Resources	Weighting
Weekly - Spelling Tests (Dictation)	80%
Assignments (Teacher's professional judgment for selection of assignments) - Spelling Activities - Teacher-created assignments	10%
Homework	10%