

Calallen ISD 2025-2026

Syllabus

Campus: West Intermediate and Magee Intermediate

Course and/or Grade Level: Grade 4 ELAR

Course Description: The course immerses students in literary nonfiction, informational texts, folktales, poetry, and drama. Student develops critical thinking, listening, speaking, writing, reading, and inquiry skills.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1 st Quarter Topics	2 nd Quarter Topics
• Reading and writing personal narratives, including: ○ Descriptive language ○ Dialogue ○ Character traits ○ Figurative language • Reading information about inventors and inventions • Theme • Writing to persuade	• Theme • Reading and responding to information about culture, government, and economics of medieval Europe • Reading and responding to information about the American Revolution • Writing a five-paragraph cause-and-effect essay

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3 rd Quarter Topics	4 th Quarter Topics
• Novel study: <i>Treasure Island</i>, including: ○ Setting ○ Character development ○ Plot ○ Literary devices • Writing an adventure story • Reading and writing poetry	• Reading and responding to information about Earth's geological features. • Writing informational texts • Writing a descriptive paragraph • Reading and responding to information about energy development in the United States • Writing argumentative essays • Novel study: <i>Number the Stars</i>, including: ○ Author's craft and purpose ○ Literary analysis STAAR – 4/9/26

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*

