

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus

Campus: West Intermediate and Magee Intermediate

Course and/or Grade Level: Grade 5 English Language Arts and Reading

Course Description: The course immerses students in classic literature as well as history, culture, science, and technology. 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 & writing personal narratives • Descriptive writing • Art and literature of the Renaissance	• Reading and responding to information about Early American Civilizations: Maya, Aztec, and Inca • Myths from Early American Civilizations • Informational writing • Novel study: <i>Don Quixote</i> • Literary elements of fiction • Poetry

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3 rd Quarter Topics	4 th Quarter Topics
• Poetry • Shakespeare: <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> • Reading and responding to information about World War II • Analyzing informational texts, including primary source documents • Writing argumentative essays	• Reading and analyzing informational and literary texts • Writing for different audiences and purposes • Juneteenth • Research • Novel study: <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> • STAAR Test – 4/8/26

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

