

Fifth Grade 2010-11 Year Plan

The class takes place only in English. Students build confidence in their language abilities through a strong emphasis on discussion, dialogue, listening, and questioning skills. Much of class time is spent in activities which encourage students to become more comfortable *speaking* English. English children's books are used to support topics and sometimes the book itself can be a focus for an entire week, focusing on vocabulary, plot, characters, etc. Basic grammar is taught in conjunction with topics and built on throughout the year. We begin to practice some writing in class, as related to topics. Homework in "Let's Do It" workbook is an important to both grammar and writing practice. Various materials are used to support topics, including books, pictures, films, photocopies, etc.

UNIT	FOCUS/MATERIALS
Back from Camp	Welcome back from Humlum and to school , games and fun
The seashore and ocean Life	Vocabulary and discussion. "The Encyclopedia of the World" (photocopies)
A day in the life....	Describing everyday activities, vocabulary for home and school. Simple present and present continuous verb forms
The face and feelings	Vocabulary for parts of the face and feelings
Describing yourself and others	Describing how people look and act. The family. Who am I?
Halloween	History, traditions, masks and scary stories
Person, place, thing, and idea	Nouns, plural count nouns, definite/indefinite articles
Christmas and winter fun	Songs, stories, art and more
The amazing body	Describing parts of the body and verbs we use with movement. Clothing and style.
Prepositions of place	In, on, over, under, etc.
Where to go from here?	Giving and receiving directions. Reading and following a map. Prepositions of location.
The story of the past	Past tense and writing and illustrating stories. Descriptive language (adjectives and adverbs) "Curious George"
Valentines day	Poetry, art, and letters writing.
Illness and a trip to the Doctor	Review of body parts and the illnesses connected with them. Also vocabulary and dialogue for a doctor's visit
Spring (and the other seasons)	Plants, weather, topics related to spring. The four seasons
Cooking up a storm	Vocabulary for the kitchen and cooking. Translating and following recipes.
Romp around the US	Geography, dialect, highlights, famous places in the US
What?	Practicing pronunciation. Accents and dialects. Slang and idioms in the English language and music.

The above units will be taught in *approximately* the order given. Some units take longer than others, depending on school calendar and depth of exploration. Hopefully we will have time for all!

