

Language Arts program Key components:

Writing

In the Classroom

Journal – 20 minute fluency writes

- To develop fluency
- To refine expression of thoughts and opinions

Writer's Workshop – individual writing time

- To explore different fiction and non-fiction forms of writing
- To develop skills in revising work during writing process

Whole group instruction and mini-lessons

Skill-specific seminars

At home

Publishing – complete final drafts from Writer's Workshop

Blogging

- To develop fluency
- To refine expression of thoughts and opinions

Reading

In the Classroom

SQUIRT – daily silent reading, fiction focus

- For enjoyment and to increase fluency and comprehension

Inquiry & research – includes fiction and non-fiction

- To analyze and evaluate ideas and information
- To make connections and develop opinions

At home

Daily independent reading – 30 minutes minimum

- For enjoyment and to increase fluency and comprehension

Listening to English language audio books

- To develop listening skills, and to increase fluency and comprehension

Speaking

In the Classroom

Asking and answering questions, participating in discussions

- To develop fluency and confidence
- To refine expression of thoughts and opinions

Make oral presentations

- To develop fluency and confidence
- To develop skills in communicating ideas and opinions

At home

Discussion of current events, books, activities, shared interests (in English or other language spoken at home)

- To enjoy conversation and develop listening and speaking skills
- To practice critical thinking and encourage development and expression of opinions and ideas

Listening to English language audio books

- To develop pronunciation, intonation, and inflection