Unit: Study Skills/Reading in the Content Area

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.2.8 Reading Critically in all Content Areas

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 A. SQ3R B. Before, During, and After Strategies; Preview, Predict, Question, Connect, Evaluate, Visualize, Clarify C. Question Generated Outline D. Specialized Vocabulary E. Types of Context Clues; Synonym, Antonym, Comparison, Contrast, Example, Direct Definition/Appositive, Words in a List, Summary Clue F. Purpose for Reading G. Reading Rate H. Application of Content Area Materials I. Organizational Skills; Agenda Book, Class Preparation J. How to Study; Learning Styles, Schedule, Place, Materials 	 Locate appropriate texts Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information Use knowledge of root words as well as context clues Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading; use these words accurately in speaking and writing Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of text Demonstrate fluency and comprehension during reading Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas 	 Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6, Yellow edition (Copyright 2007) and supplemental materials Reader's Notebook Dictionary Be A Better Reader Level A Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Supplemental materials provided by teacher Content Area Reading Skills Overhead Teaching Kit: Study Skills That Stick 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Worksheets Student generated writing Teacher generated writing Individual or group presentations Teacher generated rubrics

Unit: Study Skills/Reading in the Content Area

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
K. Test Taking Skills	 Write with sharp, distinct 		
L. Goal Setting; Short and	focus		
Long Term	 Write using well-developed 		
M. Time Management Skills	content appropriate for the		
N. Interpreting Graphics and	topic		
Charts	 Gather, determine validity 		
O. Author's Purpose; To	and reliability of and		
Inform, To Persuade, To	organize information		
Entertain, To Express an	 Listen to others 		
Opinion, To Describe/Reflect	 Contribute to discussions 		
on an Experience			
P. Root Words			
Q. Affixes			
R. Prefixes (pre-, dis-, mis-,			
non-, inter-, extra-, post-,			
super-, sub)			
S. Suffixes (-less, -ble, -ly, -or, -			
ness, -ment,- er, -ship, -tion, -en)			
T. Introduction to Dictionary			
Skills			
U. Glossary terms:			
Affix			
Analysis			
Antanysis Antonym			
Appositive			

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
Author's purpose			
 Content specific words 			
 Context clues 			
 Contrast 			
 Differentiate 			
 Evaluate 			
 Explanatory sentence 			
Expository text			
• Focus			
 Generalization 			
 Graphic organizers 			
Headings, graphics, and			
charts			
 Informational text 			
 Multiple-meaning words 			
 Nonfiction 			
Prefix			
Print media			
 Reading critically 			
 Reading rate 			
 Root words 			
Subject area			
Suffix			
Self-monitor			
 Summarize 			
 Synonym 			

Unit: Nonfiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.2.8 Reading Critically in all Content Areas

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing, and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A. Summarizing (Teacher Guided Instruction) B. Paraphrasing (Teacher Guided Instruction) C. Stated Main Idea D. Implied Main Idea (Teacher Guided Instruction) E. Supporting Details: Essential F. Drawing Conclusions / Making Inferences G. Compare/Contrast (Venn Diagram) H. Cause/Effect I. Generalizations/Bias J. Identify and Describe Genre K. Fact/Opinion L. Author's Purpose M. Text Organization N. Sequence/Time Order O. Problem/Solution P. Interpret Graphics and Charts Q. Headings R. Simple Listing S. Vocabulary in Context	 Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information Identify basic facts and ideas in text using specific strategies Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of nonfiction text Make, and support with evidence, assertions about texts Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading Self correct mistakes Read a variety of genres and types of texts Demonstrate comprehension 	 Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6, Yellow Edition, (Copyright 2007) and additional supplemental materials Reader's Notebook Be A Better Reader Level A Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Supplemental materials provided by teacher Independent reading: Students may choose from the intermediate school library, public library, classroom library, or personal library; must be one every quarter 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Worksheets Student generated essays Teacher generated writing Presentations Oral/ individual/group presentations

Unit: Nonfiction

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
T. Sources:	 Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas Distinguish essential information across texts Differentiate fact from opinion Draw inferences based on a variety of informational sources Evaluate text organization and content to determine the author's purpose Read and understand works of nonfiction literature Read and respond to nonfiction Write with a sharp distinct focus Identify topic and task 		

Unit: Nonfiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Graphic organizers Headings, graphics, and charts Implicit Inference Informational text Literary nonfiction Main Idea Nonfiction Paraphrase Point of view Print media Problem/solution Propaganda techniques and Persuasive tactics Reading critically Self-monitor Source (primary and secondary) Subject area Summarize Target words Text structure Third person Venn diagrams 	 Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic Write with controlled organization Listen to others Listen to selections of literature Contribute to discussions Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations 		

Unit: Fiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 A. Short Story/Oral Tradition/Novel/Drama B. Sources: "Dragon, Dragon", "The Circuit", "The Stone" Drama: "The Phantom Tollbooth, Parts I & 2" C. Characterization Character traits (physical description, personality, attitude, reputation) Setting (time, place, environment= 5 senses) Plot outline (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution) Conflict (character vs. self: character vs. character; character vs. nature; character vs. society) Point of view Predicting outcomes 	 Locate appropriate text (literature) Identify and use common organizational structures to comprehend information Identify basic facts and ideas in text using specific strategies Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using words with literal and figurative meanings Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of text Compare and contrast text using themes, settings, characters, and ideas Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading Read familiar materials aloud with accuracy Self-correct mistakes 	 Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6, Yellow edition (Copyright 2007) and additional supplemental materials Reader's Notebook Novels: The Great Gilly Hopkins Freaky Friday Jungle Book Be A Better Reader Level A Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Supplemental materials provided by teacher Independent reading: Students may choose from the intermediate school library, public library, classroom library, or personal library; must be one every quarter 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Worksheets Student generated essays Presentations / projects Oral/ Individual/group presentations PSSA Reading Rubric Teacher generated rubrics

Unit: Fiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Theme (moral/life lesson) Vocabulary in context Author's purpose Literary devices Cause/effect Main Idea/relevant details Retelling Make inferences Draw conclusions Compare/contrast D. Glossary Terms: Alliteration Analysis Author's purpose Cause/effect Characterization Climax Compare Conclusion Conflict/problem Context clues Contrast Descriptive text Dialogue 	 Use appropriate flow and pronunciation Read a variety of genres and types of text Read and understand works of literature Analyze the use of literary elements Analyze the effect of various literary devices Figurative language Analyze drama Read and respond to literature Write with a sharp distinct focus Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic Write with teacher controlled organization Listen to others Ask probing questions Listen to selections of literature 		

Unit: Fiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Differentiate Evaluate Exaggeration Explicit Fable Fairy tale Fiction Figurative language First person Flashback Focus Folktales Foreshadowing Fluency Generalizations Genre Graphic organizers Hyperbole Idiomatic language Imagery Implicit Inference Legends Literary conflict Literary devices Literary elements 	 Relate them to previous knowledge Predict content/events Summarize events and identify the significant points Identify and define new words and concept Analyze the selections Contribute to discussions Ask relevant, probing questions Respond with relevant information Listen to the contributions of others Clarify, illustrate, or expand on a response when asked 		

Unit: Fiction

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
Mood			
 Multiple meaning words 			
 Narrative 			
Main idea			
 Paraphrase 			
 Personification 			
• Plot			
Point of view			
 Problem/solution 			
Reading critically			
 Resolution 			
Retell			
 Rising action 			
 Setting 			
 Story maps 			
 Summarize 			
Style			
 Symbolism 			
 Target words 			
• Theme			
 Third person 			
Venn diagram			

Unit: Poetry

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 A. Poetry Figurative Language (Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Hyperbole) Imagery Point of View (First and Third Person) Compare and Contrast to Other Pieces of Literature Sound Techniques (Alliteration, Onomatopoeia, Rhyme, Rhythm, Repetition) B. Sources: "Oranges", "Life Doesn't Frighten Me", "Adventures of Isabel" C. Glossary Terms: Alliteration Analysis Author's purpose Compare Context clues Contrast Descriptive text 	 Locate appropriate text (literature) Identify and use common organizational structures to comprehend information Identify basic facts and ideas in text using specific strategies Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using words with literal and figurative meanings Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of text Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading Read familiar materials aloud with accuracy. Self-correct mistakes. Use appropriate flow, rhythm, meter and pronunciation Read a variety of genres and types of text 	 Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6, Yellow Edition (Copyright 2007) and additional supplemental materials Reader's Notebook Be A Better Reader Level A Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Supplemental materials provided by teacher Independent reading: Students may choose from the intermediate school library, public library, classroom library, or personal library; must be one every quarter 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Worksheets Student generated essays Individual/group presentations/projects PSSA Reading Rubric Teacher generated rubrics

Unit: Poetry

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Differentiate Epic Evaluate Exaggeration Figurative language First person Fluency Focus Free verse Genre Hyperbole Idiomatic language Imagery Inference Limerick Literary devices Main idea Metaphor Meter Mood Multiple meaning words Narrative Onomatopoeia Personification Poetic purpose Poetry 	 Read and understand works of literature Analyze the effect of various literary devices Figurative language Sound techniques Identify poetic forms Read and respond to literature Write with a sharp distinct focus Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic Write with teacher controlled organization. Listen to others Ask questions Listen to selections of literature Analyze the selections Contribute to discussions Ask relevant questions Respond with relevant information 		

Unit: Poetry

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Point of view Reading critically Retell Rhyme Rhythm Simile Summarize Style Symbolism Theme Third person Tone Voice 	 Listen to the contributions of others Clarify, illustrate, or expand on a response when asked 		

Unit: PSSA Preparation

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.2.8 Reading Critically in all Grade Levels

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing, and Interpreting Literature

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening

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D. PSSA Reading Rubric

Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 A. Understand fiction appropriate to grade level How To Get Better Test Scores PSSA Prep PSSA Coach B. Understand nonfiction appropriate to grade level How To Get Better Test Scores PSSA Prep PSSA Prep PSSA Coach 	 1.1.8 Learning to read independently (all inclusive) 1.2.8 Reading critically in all content areas (all inclusive) 1.3.8 Read, analyze, and interpret literature (all inclusive) Write using well-developed content, appropriate for the topic Gather, determine validity and reliability of, and organize information 	 PSSA Coach Assessment Anchors Grade6, Purple Edition(Copyright 2005) PSSA Prep Grade 6 Reading Comprehension (Copyright 2004) How to Get Better Test Scores Grade 6, Edition (Copyright 2006) Supplemental materials provided by teacher 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Worksheets Student generated essays Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts Constructed response tasks PSSA Reading Rubric
 PSSA Coach C. Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, evaluate components within and between text How To Get Better Test Scores PSSA Prep PSSA Coach D. Identify, interpret, describe, analyze literary devices in fictional and literary nonfiction text 	 Employ the most effective format for purpose and audience. Write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant to the focus Write with controlled organization Sustain a logical order within sentences and Between paragraph using meaningful transitions 		

Unit: **PSSA Preparation**

State Curriculum Standard: 1.1.8 Learning to Read Independently

1.2.8 Reading Critically in all Grade Levels

1.3.8 Reading, Analyzing, and Interpreting Literature

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 How To Get Better Test Scores, PSSA Prep PSSA Coach F. Identify, interpret, describe, analyze concepts and organization of nonfiction literary devices How To Get Better Test Scores PSSA Prep PSSA Coach 	 Establish topic and purpose in the introduction Reiterate the topic and purpose in the conclusion Listen to others Ask probing questions Contribute to discussions Ask relevant, probing questions Respond with relevant information Listen to the contributions of others Clarify, illustrate, or expand on a response when asked 		

Text and Resource List

- Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6 Yellow edition (Copyright 2007)
- Additional supplemental materials
- Reader's Notebook
- Novels: One required, no more than two per year

The Great Gilly Hopkins

Freaky Friday

The Jungle Book

- PSSA Coach Assessment Anchors Grade 6, Purple Edition(Copyright 2005)
- PSSA Prep Grade6, Reading Comprehension (Copyright 2004)
- How to Get Better Test Scores Grade 6 Edition (Copyright 2006)
- Be A Better Reader Level A
- Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources
- Supplemental materials provided by teacher
- Content Area Reading Skills
- Overhead Teaching Kit: Study Skills Study Skills That Stick

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