7th Grade Language Arts Curriculum Plan

September-October	November-December	January

Reading for <u>Ideas</u>
 - Identifying Main Ideas
 - Locating Supporting Details
 - Evaluating Strong/Weak Ideas
 - Understanding MC/O-E Questions
   What are they asking you? What are you looking for?
<u>Ideas</u> in Writing
- Prewriting - Developing Ideas
- Evaluating Strong/Weak Ideas
- Focus – Sticking to a Main Idea
- Clarity – Conveying Ideas
- Developing Quality Details
- Following Directions (TAP)
	Reading for <u>Organization</u>
	- How do authors organize information?
	- Plot Structure
	<u>Organization</u> in Writing
	- Organization of a Paragraph
	- Organization of an Open-Ended
	- Organization of a Persuasive Essay
	   • Hooks
	   • Introductions
	   • Body Paragraphs
	   • Conclusions
	   • Transitions
		Reading for <u>Voice</u>
		- Identifying Point of View
		- Identifying Author's Purpose
		<u>Voice</u> in Writing
		- First Person Voice
		- Third Person Voice
		- Connecting with an Audience
		- Establishing a Purpose
		- Committing to a Topic

<u>Grammar:</u> End Mark Punctuation
      4 Types of Sentences
	<u>Grammar:</u> Nouns
	      Capitalization
		<u>Grammar:</u> Verb (action, linking, helping)

February	**March-April**	**May-June**

Reading for <u>Word Choice</u>
- Identifying Figurative Language
- Context Clues in Decoding Vocab.
- Identifying Effective Word Choice
<u>Word Choice</u> in Writing
- Selecting Words that Are:
   • Interesting (sophisticated, note worn-out)
   • Precise and Colorful Adjectives
   • Specific Nouns
   • Used Correctly
   • Audience Appropriate
- Appealing to the Five Senses
- Avoiding Slang in Formal Writing
	Reading for <u>Sentence Fluency</u>
	- Identifying Effective and Varied Sentence Structure
	<u>Sentence Fluency</u> in Writing
	- Improving Rhythm and Flow by Incorporating:
	   • Variety in Sentence Structure
	   • Variety in Sentence Length
		Reading for <u>Conventions</u>
		- Analyze Author's Use of Conventions in Prose, Drama, and Poetry
		<u>Conventions</u> in Writing
		- Incorporation of Proper:
		   • Punctuation
		   • Spelling
		   • Capitalization
		   • Paragraph Breaks
		   • Grammar
		   • Usage
		- Review of Editing Skills

<u>Grammar:</u> Simple Sentences
      Subjects
      Predicates
	<u>Grammar:</u> Fragments and Run-ons	**<u>Grammar:</u>** Adjectives and Articles