Fourth Grade Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Resources

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Fourth grade marks a shift in your child's schooling from lower to upper elementary school. Your child will now use all knowledge of letter sounds, syllables, root words, prefixes, and suffixes to read and understand grade level texts. Your child will sufficiently use word processing skills as well as write in cursive! Fourth graders are very curious and verbal learners, and they should be able to contribute to discussions by making comments and linking their comments to others' comments. Help your child master all fourth-grade skills by utilizing Charlotte Mecklenburg Library resources!

Fourth Grade Literacy Skills to Master

By the end of fourth grade, your child should be proficient in the skills in this list below. Library staff have paired free Library resources and activities to aid in the development of each skill. Click on any skill below to find out more: (hyperlinks to everything in blue)

- Refer to details in the text when drawing inferences and describing a character, setting, or event.
- Summarize the text by including the theme or main ideas and details.
- Determine the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases using context clues, word parts, reference materials, and noting how words are related.
- Compare and contrast the points of view of different stories, and firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same subject or topic.
- Compare and contrast similar themes and topics in different stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
- Explain how the author uses reasons and evidence to support his/her points in the text.
- Integrate information from two texts on the same topic when writing about or discussing the topic.
- Read and understand texts appropriate for fourth grade independently and for a sustained period of time.
- Write developed opinion, informative, and narrative pieces.
- Use digital tools to produce and publish writing and collaborate/interact with others.
- Conduct short research project, take notes and categorize information; provide a list of sources.
- Explain similes and metaphors, idioms, adages, and proverbs.

Fourth Grade Curriculum Information for CMS Schools

CMS has adopted the EL Education K-5 Language Arts curriculum. This comprehensive literacy curriculum involves three hours per day of content-based literacy, including four eight-week learning modules that will be covered each school year.

Lexile Levels

The EL Education curriculum uses Lexile levels to indicate the complexity of the texts that will be used in each module. This can be confusing to parents and caregivers who may not be familiar with this system. Texts are assigned a Lexile level based on word difficulty and sentence complexity. While the goal is finding books that your child is interested in and excited to read, Lexile levels can be helpful in making sure they are reading literature appropriate to their ability, in terms of vocabulary and comprehension. Keep in mind that when texts are read aloud to fourth grade students in class, the Lexile level is usually two to three grade levels higher than what they are capable of reading independently.

Luckily, it is possible to filter books in the Library's catalog by Lexile level, and you can learn how to do so here.

Fourth Grade Modules and Support

Below you will find the focus and title of each of the four modules that are covered in second grade, with links to additional Library resources to support student learning for each one.

Module 1: Reading Closely and Writing to Learn- Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers

Module 2: Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others- Animal Defense Mechanisms

Module 3: Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions- The American Revolution

Module 4: Gathering Evidence and Speaking to Others- Responding to Inequality: Ratifying the 19th Amendment

Additional recommended books that are appropriate for fourth graders can be found here.

Additional Digital Library Resources to Extend Learning:

Books and Authors	Kids InfoBits	NC Digital Library	Tutor.com Homework Help

Additional Resources to Extend Learning (Icons for NCDPI, AND CML OneAccess page

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