

**Language Arts**  
**2010-2011**

**Course description:**

Children build on the knowledge, skills and concepts acquired in Second Grade. They learn to read, write, listen to and speak the English language through total immersion with real-life experiences. Reading and writing is taught using a structured reading series, Harcourt Trophies.

**Objectives:**

- Students can communicate their ideas clearly in English
- Students will read a variety of texts, including fiction and non-fiction
- Students will construct meaning through reading different texts
- Students can construct and write clear sentences and paragraphs using correct spacing, punctuation, grammar and most conventional spelling words.
- Students will set out their written work neatly, making appropriate use of margins and underlining
- Students will begin to use cursive handwriting

**Content:**

Reading:

- Comprehension
- Vocabulary building
- Phonics skills and word analysis
- Literature appreciation
- Organizational techniques

Writing:

- Pre-writing organization (making drafts)
- Creative expression
- Grammar and usage rules
- Spelling and punctuation

Speaking and Listening:

- Oral reports and presentations
- Drama sketches
- Collaborative group work

**Assessment:**

Trimester report cards