Structured Literacy

Course Overview:
Structured Literacy I employs a systematic instructional approach to the 5 fundamental skills of reading: **Phonemic Awareness** - the ability to distinguish the individual sounds within words; **Phonics** - the connection of a sound with its corresponding symbol; **Vocabulary** - a primary determinant of comprehension; **Reading Fluency** - the ability to read and understand the meaning of words quickly and accurately; and **Reading Comprehension** - the ultimate purpose and goal for reading. Students will progress through the curriculum at a pace commensurate with their mastery of concepts. Lessons are enriched with readings around current events, class books, and areas of student interest.

Units and Activities: What will we be learning about and doing in this course?
Students will be engaging in multi-sensory instruction in foundational reading skills. We will enrich our lessons with read alouds, books of student interests, and independent readings.

Standards: What knowledge and skills will I gain by the end of this course?
This course will assess the knowledge and skills students build in the Anchor Standard of Reading and in specific Content Standards.

**Anchor Standards:** This course will assess the knowledge and skills students build in the **Reading Anchor Standard**. A student will be assessed based on their individualized educational plans and have multiple opportunities to show their proficiency.

**Content Standards:** This course builds student knowledge using the Common Core State Standards. The specific content standards that students will be assessed on are:

**Reading ~ Phonemic Awareness and Phonics:**
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.5.3.A: Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context

**Reading ~ Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:**
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate

**Reading ~ Fluency:**
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.5.4: Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension

**Reading ~ Comprehension:**
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.10: Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

Assessment of Learning

Assessment Types:
Three types of assessments will be used to determine if you have gained the necessary knowledge and skills of this course: Formative assessments, Summative assessments, and Habits of Work for Learning. Each is briefly described below:

**Formative Assessments:** *Formative = Forming my knowledge and skills.* Formative Assessments receive a weight of .1 in the overall grade. Formative assessments are information for teachers, students, and parents on the progress students are making as they practice gaining knowledge and skills found in Anchor Standards. Teachers use the results of these assessments as data to understand individual
student learning needs, adjust instructional pathways, and modify lessons to help students better meet course standards. Students use the results of these assessments to determine how they are progressing and to plan steps to ensure their success.  

**Summative Assessments:** Summative = Summation of my knowledge and skills. Summative Assessments can receive three different weights: 1, 1.5, or 2 depending on the size of the assessment, and therefore have the greatest impact on the Overall Course Mastery Grade. Summative assessments are used as a measure of independent student achievement in Anchor Standards. Throughout this course, summative assessments provide benchmark student achievement data. A summative assessment will always have clear scoring criteria (4-point scale) for students to understand how they are performing.

**Habits of Work for Learning:** Habits of Work for Learning (HOWLs) are skills and dispositions that are essential to the learning process but do not provide evidence of what a student knows or can do in relation to content. WUHSM teachers work to foster Habits of Work for Learning in three categories: preparation, participation, and perseverance.

**Assessment Scoring:**
Teachers will provide framing for summative assessment scores using proficiency level scoring criteria for grading similar to the example below:

### Course Standard: Reading ~ Phonemic Awareness and Phonics:
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### R-Controlled Syllables:
- **Step 8.1:** Identify r–controlled sounds for ar/or/er/ir/ur in single syllable words
- **Step 8.2 + 8.3:** ar/or/er/ir/ur in multisyllabic words
- **Step 8.4– 8.5:** R–controlled exceptions including rr, ar/or in final syllables, para–, –ard, and –ward

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<td>I demonstrate confusion with the foundational concepts of this unit</td>
<td>I am beginning to show understanding of these concepts in my classwork</td>
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*scores in the “Beginning range” are well below proficient and thus they are below passing.
HOWL Scoring:
HOWLs will be scored at least once per checkpoint, and will be based on the frequency with which students demonstrate each of the habits: preparation, participation, and perseverance.

How is my Overall Course Grade Determined?
Overall course grades will be reported as letter grades and will be comprised of:

- Formative & Summative Scores: 95%
- HOWLs: 5%

For more information, please see the WUHSMS student handbook.

Communication:

How Do I Access Work from Home, and What Should I Expect?
- All work will be posted in Google Classroom.
- The work will be explained during our in-person meetings and/or by video posted to Google Classroom.
- The work will also be explained in our Class Planner posted to Google Classroom.
- If you have any questions, email your teacher.

How Do I Know My Grades?
- On Summative Assessments, a teacher will provide both a 4-point grade and a letter grade.
- You can monitor your progress in the following ways:
  - By reading feedback and scoring returned on formative and summative assessments
  - By monitoring the scores and Overall Course Mastery Grade in JumpRope
  - By monitoring the grades sent home quarterly through report cards

Where Can I Find This Syllabus during the School Year?
- This syllabus will be available on the school website in each subject’s department tab once the school year is up and running.

How Do I See What’s Due?
- Assignment and summative assessment due dates with handouts are posted in Google Classroom, with connection to Google Calendar, for student access.

How Do I See What’s Past Due?
- If a student is missing a grade on an assessment, it will be listed in the red “Missing Assessment” section of the JumpRope Parent/Student Portal along with any attachments. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.

Materials:
Students will work with the Wilson Reading System materials and additional texts and books. All materials needed for the course will be kept in the classroom or sent home in a folder for independent work.

Schoolwide Procedures:
Please see the Student Handbook for Procedures and Policies related to:
Due dates and deadlines, extra credit, retaking assessments, and turnaround time for grade entry.

Personal Mobile Devices:
This class will follow the procedures outlined in the student handbook.