Genre Focus: Play
SECOND NINE WEEKS

5.2 The student will use effective nonverbal communication skills.

• use available technology to gather information and aid in writing.

- 5.4 The student will read fiction and nonfiction with fluency and accuracy.
- 5.5 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of fiction.
- 5.8 The student will write for a variety of purposes: to describe, to inform, to entertain, and to explain.

The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. **ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND PROCESSES** Monitor/Clarify **Comprehension Skills** Phonics/Decoding Strategy To be successful with this standard, students are expected to > Ask yourself if what you are reading makes sense or if you drawing conclusions Look carefully at the word. • participate as active listeners in group learning activities by are learning what you want to learn. noting details Look for word parts you know listening for main ideas > If you don't understand something, reread, read ahead, and think about the sounds for visualizing listening for sequence of ideas the letters. ° taking notes making inferences Reading • Fluency: Model reading (phrasing, attending to demonstrate appropriate eve contact with listeners • Blend the sounds to read the comparing and punctuation, expression, tone of voice and emphasis) • use acceptable posture according to the setting and the audience word. contrasting • use dramatic gestures to support, accentuate, or dramatize the Ask yourself: Is it a word I • Writers craft: how the creates humor and suspense; why making judgments know? Does it make sense in a character addresses the audience directly; how uses recognizing details of • use appropriate facial expressions to support, accentuate, or what I am reading? dialogue to show character's personality fantasy dramatize presentations • If not, ask yourself: What • use context to infer the correct meanings of unfamiliar words • Map Graphic Organizer: plot map to record of the else can I try? • read familiar text with fluency, accuracy, and expression problem, events and ending of the plot; story map to record characters, setting, plot (including climax) understand that characters are developed by ° what is directly stated in the text Compare and contrast a play with a story ° their speech and actions • Serious or funny story told through words of characters who are having conversations with each other and through ° what other characters in the story say or think about them characters movements • understand that some characters change during the story or poem and some characters stay the same • Plays may be acted out or read aloud; when acted the stage directions tell the actors what to do, where to move, and • understand that the main character has a problem that usually gets Concepts how to speak; when reading, it's important to read the stage directions in order to better understand the setting and the resolved characters • identify the problem of the plot • When the words of a character are read, they should be read the way the character would say them; stage directions my • understand that plot is developed through a series of events indicate how to read • identify the events in sequence that lead to resolution of the conflict • Format: list of characters appear at beginning of selection; selection pages have name of character speaking in bold • discuss why an author might have used particular words and phrases Play print, followed by colon on the left-hand side of the page. The words spoken by the character follow the name. Also has discuss the similarities and differences between a text and previously stage directions in distinguishable type. read materials • Genre Vocabulary: play, script, act, scene, setting, actor, cast, characters, dialogue, lines, performance, stage • apply knowledge of the writing domains of composing, written directions, stage expression, and usage/mechanics Purpose of scene change: change location, change time, introduce new character, show new event • create a plan, and organize thoughts before writing Play production: director, stage manager, crew, sound technician, light technician, designers, carpenters, seamstresses, • purposefully shape and control language to demonstrate an awareness prompters of the intended audience • select specific information to guide readers more purposefully through ▶ Prewriting/ Planning the piece • Identify the characters (Who will be in the play?) • choose precise descriptive vocabulary and information to create tone and • Select a setting (Keep it simple; what can be created on a stage) voice • Think of a problem that will interesting to solve clarify writing when revising • List the activities the character does to solve the problem (May have simple activity turn into humorous disaster. • include sentences of various lengths and beginnings to create a pleasant, Characters may have misunderstandings that need to be straightened out.) informal rhythm Play Use a Planner to map out the story · punctuate correctly apostrophes in contractions, such as isn't, and possessives, such > Drafting/Composing as Jan's. • Write a list of characters Writing: ° commas Create a conversation between characters: Write the characters' names and what each character says. • use adverb comparisons, such as fast, faster, fastest • The dialogue needs to make the problem clear and show the personalities of the characters. • use adjective comparisons, such as big, bigger, biggest • Stage directions need to be limited and serve a purpose in the story/plot. • use adverbs instead of adjectives where appropriate, e.g., "He played really well." instead of "He played real well." • use plural possessives, e.g., "The books' covers are torn." • Craft the characters' words so that they reveal the characters' traits and feelings. • avoid excessive coordination, e.g., "I opened the door and the dog went • Check to see that the dialogue sounds natural but that different characters have their own style of talking. out and he chased the cat and then he came back inside."

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Ask other student to read the play with youRead the play to the rest of the class