



## ISS Course Syllabus

Teacher: Candace Panchyshyn  
Course Title: English

Grade: 5  
HS Credit Value: N/A

### Course Description:

English is based on the three main areas of reading, writing and oral communication.

### Course Contents:

#### Reading

- Elements of Short Stories: Plot, Characters, Setting, theme, Conflict
- Reading Comprehensions
- Novel Study: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
- Fact vs. Opinion
- Poetry
- Novel Study: Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Elements of Magazines

#### Writing

- Writing Process: 6+1 traits
- Short Stories
- Letter Writing
- Report Writing
- Opinion Writing
- Poetry
- Autobiographies
- Magazine Creations
- Writing Instructions

#### Oral Communication

- Author's Chair
- Speeches
- Christmas Concert
- Debates
- Poetry Readings
- Improv
- Reader's Theater
- Explanations – Giving Instructions

**Resources:**

- Signatures Coast to Coast series (Harcourt Brace)
- The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Spelling – Building Spelling Skills Grade 5 (Evan Moor)
- Grammar – Drill It Grammar
- Reading Comprehension – Reading Comprehension Grade 5 (Teacher Created Resources)

**Evaluation System:**

Evaluation will include both summative and formative evaluation. Evaluation will be based on the following: individualized and group projects, comprehensions, directed questions, reading response, spelling units and tests, author's chair, oral presentations, research projects, novel studies, short stories, journals, writing prompts, presentations, daily work, teacher observations, participation, homework, tests and quizzes.

Report Card making scheme:

**READING**

Reading Response: 10%

Reading Comprehensions: 10 %

Other Assignments: 60%

Tests/Quizzes: 20%

**WRITING**

Spelling tests/weekly units 10%

Grammar assignments 10%

Other Assignments 60%

Tests/Quizzes: 20%