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Scholastic News® for Grade 4 Reinforces Skills



Scholastic News Grade 4 provides children with motivating, high-interest, nonfiction reading with a focus on current events. Each issue is built on a firm foundation of skills that reinforce the classroom curriculum. *Scholastic News* meets the needs of students with progressive, on-level reading and high-interest content that becomes more challenging over the school year as children develop as readers.

The following essential skills are addressed in *Scholastic News* for Grade 4:

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of text.
- Learn and use new content vocabulary by answering vocabulary questions.
- Practice the following strategies to determine word meanings:
 - Using information about word parts
 - Using context clues
 - Using definitions given within the text
- Identify synonyms, antonyms, and homophones.
- Build communication and public speaking skills through debates by:
 - Presenting opinions with supporting information
 - Practicing speaking for a specific audience
- Practice dictionary and pronunciation skills.

WRITING

- Experience writing as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Use grade-appropriate models of good writing.
- Use complex graphic organizers.
- Respond to a variety of topics in writing.
- Write multiple paragraphs.
- Practice creative-writing skills.
- Practice narrative and persuasive essay writing skills.

READING COMPREHENSION

- Experience reading as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Read with a purpose.
- Build reading stamina by independently reading a variety of texts.
- Master the following comprehension strategies using longer passages:
 - Predicting
 - Synthesizing ideas
 - Main idea/details
 - Fact vs. opinion
 - Posing questions
 - Making inferences
 - Retelling
- Use the text to develop and support opinions.
- Summarize and critique texts through written book reviews.
- Self-monitor for comprehension and use strategies to improve comprehension.
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Understand a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
 - Headlines
 - Columns and side stories
 - Captions
 - Maps, graphs, and charts
 - Diagrams
- Develop fluency through repeated readings.

PHONICS/WORD-LEVEL SKILLS

- Decode challenging words in the text using knowledge of sounds and letters.
- Recognize more sight words.
- Practice spelling skills.



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SCIENCE

- Understand important science concepts and topics, including:
 - Life cycles
 - Characteristics of organisms
 - Organisms and their environments
 - Weather
 - Endangered species
 - Characteristics of and changes in population
 - Health and fitness
 - Changes in environments
 - Technology
 - Science as inquiry
- Interpret and use visual aids found in science texts, including:
 - Diagrams
 - Graphs
 - Charts
- Compare data from graphs and charts.
- Answer questions based on the new topics learned.
- Learn about science through the lens of current events and the world.

TECHNOLOGY

- Develop Internet skills through:
 - Obtaining information and news online
 - Participating in online quizzes
- Develop Internet research skills through:
 - Related Web links
 - “This Week Online” feature
- Practice using basic computer hardware (mouse, keyboard, monitor).

MATH

- View math as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Practice basic on-level math skills.
- Use and create a variety of graphs and charts, including:
 - Bar
 - Pie
 - Line

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Understand important social studies concepts and topics, including:
 - People and current events
 - Geography
 - Politics
 - Individuals and events in history
 - Civic ideals
 - Culture
- Read and use a variety of maps, such as:
 - Country
 - World
 - Regional
 - Historical
 - Elevation
 - Animal habitat range
 - Population
 - Time zone
- Practice map skills, such as:
 - Measuring to scale
 - Using latitude and longitude
 - Recognizing hemispheres
 - Recognizing state symbols
 - Answering questions based on maps
- Read and answer questions about timelines.
- Develop personal and social skills by:
 - Analyzing and reflecting upon relevant social situations through discussions and writing
 - Interacting with and learning from students across the country
- Analyze and write about social studies and current events in a deep and meaningful way.

TEST PREPARATION

- Practice answering questions similar to those on standardized tests.
- Practice general test-taking tips.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice tests.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests, such as:
 - Multiple choice
 - True or false
 - Fill-in-the-blank
 - Open-ended questions



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