

## Vocabulary Information

Students will have a vocabulary quiz practically every Wednesday during the school year. These vocabulary quizzes are important to help expose students to new words, and also help them implement new vocabulary into their writing vocabulary.

Students will not be able to retake the weekly quizzes, so it is vital for them to study each day. **Students are encouraged to study the vocabulary words 10 – 15 minutes a day, even including weekends.** Our goal is to move these words into the student's long-term memory. For this to occur, the student needs to see the words often throughout the week.

Students are also tested over the words. Each unit is comprised of six chapters. After students have taken the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter quiz in each unit, they will take a unit mastery test. This test will contain all of the 60 words in the unit. For students to be successful on this unit test, they need to be studying each day for the quizzes, instead of cramming the night before, and they also need to be reviewing the previous chapters' words as the unit progresses.

Our goal is for the students to show mastery over the vocabulary words. This means, if the student doesn't show mastery (80%), he/she is expected to retake the test until mastery is shown. If a student shows mastery on the unit test, the quizzes for the unit will be changed to reflect this learning. So, it ultimately improves a student's grade when mastery is shown on the unit tests. As per my grading policy, the highest score will always be recorded on all retakes; there will be no averaging of the grades.

Chapter 1	Sept. 1	Chapter 19	Feb. 9
Chapter 2	Sept. 8	Chapter 20	Feb. 16 / 17
Chapter 3	Sept. 15	Chapter 21	Feb. 23
Chapter 4	Sept. 22	Chapter 22	Mar. 2
Chapter 5	Sept. 29	Chapter 23	Mar. 9
Chapter 6	Oct. 6	Chapter 24	Mar. 16
Unit 1 Test	Oct. 13	Unit 4 Test	Mar. 23
Chapter 7	Oct. 27	Chapter 25	Mar. 30
Chapter 8	Nov. 3	Chapter 26	April 6
Chapter 9	Nov. 10	Chapter 27	April 13
Chapter 10	Nov. 17	Chapter 28	April 20 / 21
Chapter 11	Nov. 24	Chapter 29	April 27 / 28
Chapter 12	Dec. 1	Unit 5 Test	May 4
Unit 2 Test	Dec. 8		
Chapter 13	Dec. 15		
Chapter 14	Dec. 22		
Chapter 15	Jan. 6 / Jan. 7		
Chapter 16	Jan. 12		
Chapter 17	Jan. 19		
Chapter 18	Jan. 26		
Unit 3 Test	Feb. 2		

**Please note that testing dates may occasionally change due to state standardized testing or school event that changes the school schedule. If this is to occur, students will be informed at least one week before the change of testing date. These changes will also be noted in the language arts update send out by email.**