

EHT ELA NEWSLETTER FOURTH GRADE

Literacy Block



Skills Focus:

Reading

- **Through Traditional Literature:**
 - Theme
 - Point of View
 - Comparing texts

Social Studies

- New Jersey history through *Nicky Fifth* Series

Writing

- **Literary Essay:** Students need to be able to explain how
 - different characters solve problems , how are the plots the same or different, and how the same theme is shown in different ways

Students are working on independent reading stamina and responding to reading through writing. Teachers are meeting with students in guided reading groups to work on individual skills.

At Home Connection

Story Elements

Genre	The type of story or literary work
Author	Person who writes the story/book
Setting	Where and when a story takes place
Main Characters	The important people in the story
Themes	The underlying or stated main idea of a story <i>*Often, the author implies the theme through the narrator's/main character's thoughts and feelings. The theme can also be the message an author is trying to send.</i>

