### Term 1

#### Topic: Writing

**Essential Question:**
- What defines an organized summary?
- How does the use of effective transition words help to organize a summary?

#### Topic: Conventions of Standard English Grammar

**Essential Questions:**
- What are the rules for proper capitalization and punctuation in written expression?
- How do the proper conventions of standard English for capitalization and end punctuation enhance written expression?

#### Topic: Speaking and Listening

**Essential Questions:**
- What are the characteristics of a good speaker and listener?
- What discussion starters can be used to help us engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions?

### Term 2

#### Topic: Writing

**Essential Question:**
- How are main ideas and appropriate details used to write a summary of a text?
- What are the elements of a narrative essay?
- How does one write an effective and well-structured narrative essay?
- How can a narrative essay be developed through the use of dialogue and description?
- How can we use the writing process to develop and strengthen our writing?

#### Topic: Point of View

**Essential Questions:**
- What is point of view and how does an author achieve point of view in a selection?
- How does the story change if written from a different point of view?

#### Topic: Central Idea

**Essential Questions:**
- How does one determine the central idea of a text and recognize how it is conveyed through relevant details?
- How does one use the central idea of a given text to create and develop an alternate ending to a story?

#### Topic: Conventions of Standard English Grammar

**Essential Questions:**
- What are the rules for appropriate punctuation and paragraphing when using dialogue in writing?
- How does the use of modifiers added detail and enhance our writing?
### Term 3

**Topic: Writing**

**Essential Questions:**
- How are main ideas and appropriate details used to write an organized summary?
- What are the elements of a clear and relevant argument essay?
- How does one support an argument with sufficient claims?
- How can we use information from research and credible sources to support a claim with relevant evidence and reasons?
- What are effective strategies for editing and revising one’s work?

**Topic: Conventions of Standard English Grammar**

**Essential Questions:**
- What are the rules for using verbs in speaking and writing?
- How do carefully select strong and appropriate verbs to enhance our writing?

### Term 4

**Topic: Writing**

**Essential Questions:**
- How does informative/explanatory writing differ from narrative and argument writing?
- What are the elements of an informative/explanatory essay?
- How do we include relevant information from research to develop and produce an organized informative essay?

**Topic: Conventions of Standard English Grammar**

- How does one recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person?
- How can we use our command of English language to produce a quality essay?