• use available technology to gather information and aid in writing.

**Genre Focus: Tall Tale** 

5.2 The student will use effective nonverbal communication skills. SECOND NINE WEEKS 5.4 The student will read fiction and nonfiction with fluency and accuracy. 5.5 The student will read and demonstrate comprehension of fiction. The student will write for a variety of purposes: to describe, to inform, to entertain, and to explain. 5.8 5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. **ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND PROCESSES** Tall Tale To be successful with this standard, students are expected to Phonics/Decoding Summarize Strategy Comprehension Skills • demonstrate appropriate eye contact with listeners Strategy > Think about the main ideas or the important parts of the • make predictions • use acceptable posture according to the setting and the audience Look carefully at the • use dramatic gestures to support, accentuate, or dramatize the • making inferences > Tell in your own words the important things you have word. · drawing conclusions about read. • use appropriate facial expressions to support, accentuate, or Look for word parts you characters • Fluency: Model reading (phrasing, attending to know and think about dramatize presentations. noting details. making punctuation, expression, tone of voice and emphasis) the sounds for the • use context to infer the correct meanings of unfamiliar words Reading judgments, • read familiar text with fluency, accuracy, and expression letters. Writers craft: word choice and description (use of similes) visualizing Blend the sounds to that exaggerate and create pictures, use of understatement, understand that characters are developed by • distinguishing realistic from read the word. use of repetition of a phrase, purpose for including specific what is directly stated in the text fantastic Ask yourself: Is it a ° their speech and actions details and events connecting and comparing word I know? Does it ° what other characters in the story say or think about them with other tall tales and make sense in what I • Purpose: to entertain (is humorous) but usually makes • understand that some characters change during the story or poem and with other traditional tales, am reading? some serious comment some characters stay the same e.g., fairy tales If not, ask yourself: • understand that the main character has a problem that usually gets • Tall Tale map/organizer: Exaggerated character traits, What else can I try? resolved setting, and plot events; Realistic details of setting and · identify the problem of the plot actions • understand that plot is developed through a series of events • identify the events in sequence that lead to resolution of the conflict • Part of oral tradition (passed down from one generation to the next through oral storyteller) and eventually written and • discuss why an author might have used particular words and phrases rewritten for modern-day audiences · discuss the similarities and differences between a text and previously • Some tall tales explain how natural phenomenon or event came about Concepts read materials • Typically set in the American frontier • apply knowledge of the writing domains of composing, written • Exaggerated events, far-fetched expression, and usage/mechanics • Exaggerated characters (sometimes referred to as "larger-than-life"): developed by what the character says, how other • create a plan, and organize thoughts before writing characters describe, what the narrator/storyteller describes and says • purposefully shape and control language to demonstrate an awareness of Tale • In written form, narrator is the storyteller the intended audience Fantastic story • select specific information to guide readers more purposefully through Tall the piece • Central character often seen as hero or heroine • choose precise descriptive vocabulary and information to create tone and • Humor created through silly descriptions, funny series of events, exaggeration, odd coincidences, nonsensical · clarify writing when revising • Traditional tall tale form is used by authors to create original stories. • include sentences of various lengths and beginnings to create a pleasant, informal rhythm • Tall Tale format punctuate correctly > A story with exaggerated actions or events apostrophes in contractions, such as isn't, and possessives, such > Includes characters, setting, and plot as Jan's. > Includes enough details about realistic places, things, and activities to seem grounded in reality ° commas **Tall Tale** > May feature a larger-than-life main character whose abilities, character traits, or deeds are exaggerated quotation marks > Uses exaggeration to bring humor to the story • use adverb comparisons, such as fast, faster, fastest • use adjective comparisons, such as big, bigger, biggest Writing Process • use adverbs instead of adjectives where appropriate, e.g., "He played really well." instead of "He played real well." > Prewriting/ Planning: Review of Tall Tale characteristics/format Writing: • use plural possessives, e.g., "The books' covers are torn." · avoid fragments ➤ Drafting/Composing: Plan organizer with Tall Tale characteristics • avoid run-ons, e.g., "I opened the door, the dog went out." • avoid excessive coordination, e.g., "I opened the door and the dog went > Revising/Written Expression: Use exact nouns to create exaggeration out and he chased the cat and then he came back inside."

➤ Proofreading/Edition: Use checklist and proofreading marks

▶ Publishing: Share from author's chair; make as picture book