Content Area or Department	Red Clay Consolidated School District - English Language Arts
Overview:	The Red Clay Consolidated School District's English and Language Arts program is based upon the philosophy that all students can learn to read and write at high levels. Classroom instruction is designed to prepare students for life outside the classroom. Instruction includes critical-thinking skills and provides students with opportunities to closely and attentively read texts in a way that will help them understand and enjoy complex works of literature. Students will learn to use cogent reasoning and evidence collection skills that are essential for success in college, career, and life and prepares them for success in the 21st century.
Desired Outcomes:	As a result of experiencing the Red Clay English and Language Arts Program, our students will be able to:  Demonstrate independence comprehending and evaluating complex texts.  Construct effective arguments.  Articulate their own ideas.  Demonstrate command of standard English.  Acquire a wide-ranging vocabulary.  Be self directed learners.  Build strong content knowledge.  Respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose and discipline.  Comprehend as well as critique.  Value evidence.  Use technology and digital media strategically and capably.  Understand other perspectives and cultures.
Topics to be Covered:	<ul> <li>Foundational skills for reading (Kindergarten through fifth grade)</li> <li>Reading literary texts</li> <li>Reading informational texts</li> <li>Writing to sources</li> <li>Speaking and listening</li> <li>Language skills</li> </ul>
Link to Standards:	http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/
Additional Resources:	Delaware Department of Education: Delaware Standards and Instruction

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https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/374	