

Ventura Unified School District Essential Language Arts Standards for



## In Language Arts a student learns:

- Demonstrates understanding of print concepts
- Names upper and lower case letters
- Applies grade level phonics and word attack skills
- Reads grade level sight words
- Asks and answers questions about main idea, key details, and unknown words in literature and informational text
- Retells familiar stories
- Actively engages in group reading activities with purpose and understanding
- Demonstrates the ability to draw, dictate and write about a topic
- Responds to suggestions to add details and strengthen writing
- Participates in conversations asking questions to seek information or clarify understanding
- Describes familiar people, places, things and events
- Uses standard English grammar when speaking or writing

## How families can help:

- Keep books in the home
- Visit the local library
- Read with your child everyday
- Ask your child about his or her favorite parts of books
- Retell favorite stories together
- Encourage your child to talk about his or her day at school
- Keep paper, pencils, markers, crayons etc. Have your child draw pictures and then describe and label the pictures.
- Play word games (I Spy, 20 Questions)
- Sing and chant nursery rhymes together