

## **Fifth Grade – Appendix A**

### **“No Excuses” Standard for Writing**

“No Excuses” standard for writing conventions and mechanics across all content areas with separate grade for mechanics on all writing assignments.

Specific list depending on grade level - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Example List:

1. Don't start sentences with and, but, or because.
2. Indent all paragraphs.
3. Spell all high frequency words correctly. (These words could be clear contacted on desk for the first part of the year.)

As you introduce or reinforce this list, you would post it in the room for students to use as a reference when writing.

### **5th Grade – General Units of Study (Possible)**

- 2-3 minute oral presentation – memorized
- Research report with bibliography (no plagiarism)
- Literature Circles with whole novels
- Advertisement study/campaign
- Tri-fold show board presentation (with Social Studies)
- Non-American folktale: written, published, illustrated, read-shared
- Work in using resource materials

### **HB Comprehension Card Key (cards found in R section of manuals)**

- 1- Characters
- 2- Setting
- 3- Plot
- 4- Theme and Mood
- 5- Author's Purpose and Perspective
- 6- Author's Craft
- 7- Reading Nonfiction
- 8- Comparing Texts