



K-12
TEXAS TECH

Elementary Language Arts Kindergarten A v7.0

– Syllabus

Course Name

ELARK-A

Elementary Language Arts Kindergarten A v7.0 – Semester A

Course Information

ELARK-A is the first semester of this two-semester course.

Learn to read and write with Penelope the Pirate! In this course, students will go on a language arts adventure where they will learn new letters and sounds and how to put them together to make words. Students will go on an alphabet safari, play games, share ideas through drawing and writing, read along with interactive storybooks, and even record themselves sounding out words as they discover a whole new world of letters, sounds, and words.

Course Delivery Method

Online

Contacting Your Instructor

You may contact your instructor using your Canvas Inbox. Technical support is available 24/7 at [TTU K-12](#).

Course Topics

After completing this course, the students should have increased knowledge of

- Concepts of print
- Syllables
- Rhyming words
- Onset and rime
- Beginning, middle, and ending sounds

- Letters and sounds
- CVC words
- Sight words
- Story elements: character, setting, and events
- Author and illustrator
- Main topic and key details
- Fact and opinion
- Compare and contrast
- Present information orally
- Printing letters
- Opinion writing
- Expository writing
- Narrative writing
- Grammar, punctuation, capitalization, grade-level spelling
- Ask and answer questions about a text
- Multimedia element
- Vocabulary
- Unknown words
- Sorting into categories

Textbook and Materials

No textbooks required. All content is within Canvas.

Materials

- cell phone or scanner
- headset or earbuds
- coloring materials (markers, crayons, colored pencils)
- glue or tape
- pen or pencil
- printer
- printer paper
- scissors
- stapler
- lined paper
- notebook or binder to organize course resources and work
- household objects for activities

Technical Requirements

- Internet access – preferably high speed (for accessing Canvas)

- browser (we recommend Chrome)
- supported browser plugins and settings
The following plugins and settings may be required to use our courses.
 - JavaScript enabled
 - Cookies enabled
 - Java installed
- Email
- Printing capabilities
- Adobe Reader (download from Adobe.com)
- Audio and video capabilities (for watching/listening to course content)
- PDF app (free options available)

Technical Skill Requirements

Be comfortable with the following:

- accessing online learning materials via Canvas
- Internet search engines and browsers (we recommend Chrome)
- uploading assignments into Canvas (there will be instructions for uploading assignments)

Course Pacing

This course is designed to be completed in 16 weeks.

- Print this guide and use a calendar to fill in your goal dates for completing each Module.
- To achieve success, students are expected to submit work in each course weekly.
- Students can learn at their own pace; however, "any pace" still means that students must make progress in the course every week.
- Post the pace guide in a place where you and your Parent or Guardian will see it every day (on the refrigerator or next to the computer). Give yourself a check every time you complete a task, and celebrate your efforts!

Weeks	Lessons	Due Date (you write this in)
1	01.00 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: Introduction 01.01 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: I Go to School 01.02 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: What Makes a Good Reader 01.03 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: School Tools 01.04 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: Concepts of Print 01.05 Jumpstart to Kindergarten: Putting It All Together	
2	02.00 Building Foundations: Pretest 02.01 Building Foundations: Foundations of Reading 02.02 Building Foundations: Ready to Read 02.03 Building Foundations: Text Time	
3	02.04 Building Foundations: Word Study 02.05 Building Foundations: Writing about a Topic 02.06 Building Foundations: Discussion-Based Assessment 02.07 Building Foundations: Assessment	
4	03.00 Making Connections: Pretest 03.01 Making Connections: Foundations of Reading 03.02 Making Connections: Ready to Read 03.03 Making Connections: Text Time	
5	03.04 Making Connections: Word Study 03.05 Making Connections: Narrative Writing 03.06 Making Connections: Discussion-Based Assessment 03.07 Making Connections: Assessment	
6	04.00 Sharing Solutions: Pretest 04.01 Sharing Solutions: Foundations of Reading	
7	04.02 Sharing Solutions: Ready to Read 04.03 Sharing Solutions: Text Time 04.04 Sharing Solutions: Word Study	
8	04.05 Sharing Solutions: Opinion Writing 04.06 Sharing Solutions: Literacy Skills Assessment 04.07 Sharing Solutions: Assessment	
9	05.00 Explorations: Pretest 05.01 Explorations: Foundations of Reading 05.02 Explorations: Ready to Read	
10	05.03 Explorations: Text Time 05.04 Explorations: Word Study	
11	05.05 Explorations: Expository Writing 05.06 Explorations: Discussion-Based Assessment 05.07 Explorations: Assessment	

Weeks	Lessons	Due Date (you write this in)
12	06.00 Relationships: Pretest 06.01 Relationships: Foundations of Reading 06.02 Relationships: Ready to Read 06.03 Relationships: Text Time	
13	06.04 Relationships: Word Study 06.05 Relationships: Narrative Writing 06.06 Relationships: Discussion-Based Assessment 06.07 Relationships: Assessment	
14	07.00 Celebration of Diversity: Pretest 07.01 Celebration of Diversity: Foundations of Reading	
15	07.02 Celebration of Diversity: Ready to Read 07.03 Celebration of Diversity: Text Time 07.04 Celebration of Diversity: Word Study	
16	07.05 Celebration of Diversity: Opinion Writing 07.06 Celebration of Diversity: Literacy Skills Assessment 07.07 Celebration of Diversity: Assessment	

Course Credit

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

- formative assessments (50%)
- summative assessments (50%)

Assignments are labeled as “summative” or “formative” under Grades in Canvas.

Course Completion and Extensions

- Students may not complete the course in less than 30 days.
- All courses expire six months after the enrollment date.

Academic Integrity

It is the aim of the faculty of Texas Tech University to foster a spirit of complete honesty and high standard of integrity. The attempt of students to present as their own any work not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offenders liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

“Scholastic dishonesty” includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of

essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor) or the attempt to commit such an act.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy

This policy covers any generative AI tool, such as ChatGTP, Elicit, Photo Math, etc. This includes text and artwork/graphics/video/audio, etc.

All work submitted in this course must be your own. You may not use artificial intelligence tools to complete your assignments in this course.

If an instructor suspects that an assignment is not the work of the student, it will receive a score of zero. The instructor will message the student or provide feedback on the assignment indicating the need to schedule a one-on-one video conference, during which the student will be required to demonstrate their skills or knowledge through an alternative or mutually agreed-upon assignment. The grade of the alternate or agreed upon assignment will be determined at the instructor's discretion with the highest possible score being 70%.

If it is determined that a student has violated final exam directions on Final Exam A or CBE Set 1, the exam will be scored as zero. The student may take Final Exam B or CBE Set 2 with the highest possible score being 70%.

The incident will be reported to Texas Tech K-12 Administration and documented in the student's file. Continued violations of Texas Tech University's Academic Integrity Policy will result in the removal of the student from the program.

Student/Parent Expectations

You will be expected to log into the Canvas course regularly to be aware of possible announcements/reminders and to pace your student's progress in the course.

The following are prohibited while using the Canvas interface:

- spamming;
- hacking; and
- using TTU or Canvas email for commercial purposes;

Inappropriate behavior shall result in consequences ranging from a request to correct the problem, to removal from the course or even the university, depending on the severity of the behavior. Disciplinary actions will be taken according to the TTU K-12 Student Handbook.

In addition to expectations above, the nature of a Kindergarten class requires that parents/adults are actively involved in their student's instruction. Kindergarten is a time where students are still learning to read, so adults will need to help read the daily instructions to them and assist them in their activities.

Communication

- You can expect a reply from your instructor within 2 business days.
- Use the Canvas Inbox for sending messages to your instructor.

Submitting Assignments

You will submit all assignments through Canvas, rather than by mail or email.

Technical Difficulties

Getting Help

For student assistance with Canvas, visit [TTU K-12 Support](#).

Computer Problems

A working computer is necessary for online coursework. Computer problems will not be accepted as a valid reason for failure to complete course activities within the allotted time frame. Identify a second computer, before the course begins, that you can use if you experience computer problems.

Server Problems

When the Canvas server needs to be taken down for maintenance, the Canvas administrator will post an announcement in your course informing you of the time and date. If the server experiences unforeseen problems, your course instructor will notify you.

Lost or Corrupted Files

You must keep/save a copy of every project/assignment on an external disk or personal computer. In the event of any kind of technology failure (e.g., Canvas server crash or virus infection, students' own computer problems, loss of files in cyberspace, etc.) or any disputes, the instructor may request or require you to resubmit the files. In some instances, the instructor may need to open another attempt within Canvas, so communication with your instructor is critical in these circumstances.