

Kindergarten Language Arts Indicators

Phonemic Awareness Word Recognition and Fluency Standard

A. Use letter-sound correspondence knowledge and structural analysis to decode words.

- _____ 2. Identify and complete rhyming words and patterns.
- _____ 3. Distinguish the number of syllables in words by using rhythmic clapping, snapping or counting.
- _____ 4. Distinguish and name all upper- and lower- case letters. upper- and lower-case letters.
- _____ 5. Recognize, say and write the common sounds of letters.
- _____ 6. Distinguish letters from words by recognizing that words are separated by spaces.
- _____ 7. Hear and say the separate phonemes in words, such as identifying the initial consonant sound in a word, and blend phonemes to say words.

B. Demonstrate fluent oral reading, using sight words and decoding skills, varying intonation and timing as appropriate for text.

- _____ 1. Read own first and last name.
- _____ 8. Read one-syllable and often-heard words by sight.
- _____ 9. Reread stories independently or as a group, modeling patterns of changes in timing voice and expression.

Acquisition of Vocabulary Standard

A. Use context clues to determine the meaning of new vocabulary.

- _____ 1. Understand new words from the context of conversations or from the use of pictures within a text.

B. Read accurately high-frequency sight words.

- _____ 2. Recognize and understand words, signs and symbols seen in everyday life.
- _____ 3. Identify words in common categories such as color words, number words and directional words.

C. Apply structural analysis skills to build and extend vocabulary and to determine word meaning.

D. Know the meaning of specialized vocabulary by applying knowledge of word parts, relationships and meanings.

E. Use resources to determine the meanings and pronunciations of unknown words.

- _____ 9. Determine the meaning of unknown words, with assistance, using a beginner's dictionary.

Reading Process: Concepts of Print comprehension Strategies and Self Monitoring Strategies Standard

A. Establish a purpose for reading and use a range of reading comprehension strategies to understand literary passages and text.

- _____ 4. Visualize the information in texts and demonstrate this by drawing pictures, discussing images in texts or writing simple descriptions.

B. Make predictions from text clues and cite specific examples to support predictions.

- _____ 5. Predict what will happen next, using pictures and content as a guide.

C. Draw conclusions from information in the text.

- _____ 7. Recall information from a story by sequencing pictures and events.

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D. Apply reading skills and strategies to summarize and compare and contrast information in text, between text and across subject areas.

_____6. Compare information (e.g., recognize similarities) in texts with prior knowledge and experience.

E. Demonstrate comprehension by responding to questions (e.g., literal, informational and evaluative).

_____8. Answer literal, questions to demonstrate comprehension of orally read grade- appropriate texts.

F. Apply and adjust self monitoring strategies to assess understanding of text.

_____9. Monitor comprehension of independently or group-read texts by asking and

Reading Applications: Informational, Technical and Persuasive Text Standard

A. Use text features and structures to organize content, draw conclusions and build text knowledge.

_____1. Use pictures and illustrations to aid comprehension.

B. Ask clarifying questions concerning essential elements of informational text

C. Identify the central ideas and supporting details of informational text.

_____2. Identify and discuss the sequence of events in informational text.

_____3. Tell the main idea of a selection that has been read aloud.

D. Use visual aids as sources to gain additional information from text.

_____4. Identify and discuss simple maps, charts and graphs.

E. Evaluate two- and three-step directions for proper sequencing and completeness.

_____5. Follow multiple -step directions.

Literary Text Standard

A. Compare and contrast plot across literary works.

_____1. Identify favorite books and stories.

_____3. Retell or re-enact a story that has been heard.

B. Use supporting details to identify and describe main ideas, characters and setting.

_____2. Identify the characters and setting in a story.

C. Recognize the defining characteristics and features of different types of literary forms and genres.

_____4. Distinguish between fantasy and reality.

_____5. Recognize predictable patterns in stories.

D. Explain how an author's word choice and use of methods influence the reader.

E. Identify the theme of a literary text.

Writing Process Standard

A. Generate ideas for written compositions.

_____1. Generate writing ideas through discussions with others.

_____2. Choose a topic for writing.

B. Develop audience and purpose for self-selected and assigned writing tasks.

_____3. Determine audience.

C. Use organizers to clarify ideas for writing assignments.

_____4. Organize and group related ideas.

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D. Use revision strategies and resources to improve ideas and content, organization, word choice and detail.

- _____ 7. Reread own writing.
- _____ 8. Use resources (e.g., a word wall) to enhance vocabulary.

E. Edit to improve sentence fluency, grammar and usage.

- _____ 6. Use correct sentence structure when expressing thoughts and ideas.

F. Apply tools to judge the quality of writing.

G. Publish writing samples for display or sharing with others using techniques such as electronic resources and graphics.

- _____ 9. Rewrite and illustrate writing samples for display and for sharing with others.

Writing Applications Standard

A. Compose writings that convey a clear message and include well-chosen details.

- _____ 1. Dictate or write simple stories, using letters, words or pictures.
- _____ 2. Name or label objects or places.
- _____ 3. Write from left to right and from top to bottom.
- _____ 4. Dictate or write informal writings for various purposes.

B. Write responses to literature that demonstrate an understanding of the literary work.

C. Write friendly letters and invitations complete with date, salutation, body, closing and signature.

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Writing Conventions Standard

A. Print legibly using appropriate spacing.

- _____ 1. Print capital and lowercase letters, correctly spacing the letters.
- _____ 2. Leave spaces between words when writing.

B. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly.

- _____ 3. Show characteristics of early letter name- alphabetic spelling.
- _____ 4. Use some end consonant sounds when writing.

C. Use conventions of punctuation and capitalization in written work.

- _____ 5. Place punctuation marks at the end of sentences.

D. Use grammatical structures to effectively communicate ideas in writing.

Research Standard

A. Generate questions for investigation and gather information from a variety of sources.

- _____ 1. Ask questions about a topic being studied or an area of interest.
- _____ 2. Use books or observations to gather information, with teacher assistance, to explain a topic or unit of study.

B. Retell important details and findings.

- _____ 3. Recall information about a topic with teacher assistance.
- _____ 4. Share findings visually or orally.

Communication: Oral & Visual Standard

A. Use active listening strategies to identify the main idea and gain information from oral presentation.

_____ 1. Listen attentively to speakers, stories, poems and songs.

B. Connect prior experiences, insights and ideas to those of a speaker.

_____ 2. Connect what is heard with prior knowledge and experience.

C. Follow multi-step directions.

_____ 3. Follow simple oral directions.

D. Speak clearly and at an appropriate pace and volume.

_____ 4. Speak clearly and understandably.

E. Deliver a variety of presentations that include relevant information and a clear sense of purpose.

_____ 5. Deliver informal descriptive or informational presentations about ideas or experiences in logical order with a beginning, middle and end.

_____ 6. Recite short poems, songs and nursery rhymes.