

Grade 1 Scoring Rubric/Curriculum Guide

English Language Arts – First Grade

READING

Essential Standard: Asks and answers questions about key details, words and phrases in a text heard or read. (L, I)

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students learn to use skills and strategies needed to comprehend, analyze and evaluate literary and informational text.

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.R L I 1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text

1. R I 4 Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to ask and answer questions about key details and to determine the meaning of words in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support asks and answers questions about key details and to determine the meaning of words in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently asks and answers questions about key details and determines the meaning of words in a text
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates key details and discovers meanings of unknown words in a text

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to ask and answer questions about key details and to determine the meaning of words in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support asks and answers questions about key details and determines the meaning of words in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently asks and answers questions about key details and determines the meaning of words in a text
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates key details and discovers meanings of unknown words in a text

Second Trimester	
Warning (1)	Unable to ask and answer questions about key details and to determine the meaning of words in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support asks and answers questions about key details and to determine the meaning of words in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently asks and answers questions about key details and determines the meaning of words in a text
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates key details and discovers meanings of unknown words in a text

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READING

Essential Standard: Retells stories heard or read. (L)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RL.2 Retell stories including key details and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson

1.RL.6 Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to retell familiar stories including key details and to demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson; unable to identify who is telling the story at various points in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, retells familiar stories including key details, demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson and identifies who is telling the story at various points in the text
Proficient (3)	Independently retells familiar stories including key details and demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson, identifies who is telling the story at various points in the text
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates text ie. compares central message, rewrites endings or critiques text

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to retell familiar stories including key details and to demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson; unable to identify who is telling the story at various points in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, retells familiar stories including key details, demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson and identifies who is telling the story at various points in the text
Proficient (3)	Independently retells familiar stories including key details and demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson, identifies who is telling the story at various points in the text
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates text ie. compares central message, rewrites endings or critiques text

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to retell familiar stories including key details and to demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson; unable to identify who is telling the story at various points in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, retells familiar stories including key details, demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson and identify who is telling the story at various points in the text.
Proficient (3)	Independently retells familiar stories including key details and demonstrates an understanding of their central message or lesson, identifies who is telling the story at various points in the text.
Advanced (4)	Independently analyzes and evaluates text ie. compares central message, rewrites endings or critiques text

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READING

Essential Standard: Identifies main topic and retells key details of text heard or read. (1)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RI 2: Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.

1.RI 8: Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify the main topic and retell key details of a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text
Advanced (4)	Independently compares and contrasts main topics and key details from different selections. Uses inference and responds critically to questions based on text

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify the main topic and retell key details of a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text
Advanced (4)	Independently compares and contrasts main topics and key details from different selections and uses inference and responds critically to questions based on text

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify the main topic and retell key details of a text and identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text; identifies the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies the main topic and retells key details of a text; identifies the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
Advanced (4)	Independently compares and contrasts main topics and key details from different selections and uses inference and responds critically to questions based on text

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Essential Standard: Describes and compares characters, settings, and events within a story and between two stories (L)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RL. 3: Describe and compare characters, setting and major events in a story.

1.RL. 9: Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe and compare characters, setting and major events in a story
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, describes and compares characters, setting and major events in a story
Proficient (3)	Independently describes and compares characters, setting and major events in a story
Advanced (4)	Independently describes characters, setting, and /or elements of plot using colorful descriptive language

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe and compares characters, setting and major events in a story
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, describes and compares characters, setting and major events in a story
Proficient (3)	Independently describes and compares characters, setting and major events in a story
Advanced (4)	Independently describes characters, setting, and/or elements of plot using colorful descriptive language

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify and compare characters, setting and major events in a story and unable to compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, identifies and compares characters, setting and major events in a story and compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies and compares characters, setting and major events in a story and compares and contrasts the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies characters, setting, and/or elements of plot using colorful descriptive language. Compares and contrasts the adventures and experience of characters in familiar stories and makes connections to other stories and self

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Essential Standard: Describes connections within a text (I)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RI. 3 Describe the connections between two individuals, events, ideas or pieces of information in a text.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support, consistently describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Advanced (4)	Independently, describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	With substantial prompting and support describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support consistently describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Advanced (4)	Justifies or evaluates the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	With substantial prompting and support describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support consistently describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently describes the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
Advanced (4)	Justifies or evaluates the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text

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Essential Standard: Identifies similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (I)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RI.9: Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g. in illustrations, descriptions or procedures)

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed this trimester

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies similarities and differences between many texts on the same topic

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies similarities and differences between many texts on the same topic

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Essential Standard: Identifies and explains characteristics of various types of texts (L, I)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

- 1.RL MA8A: Identify characteristics commonly shared by folktales and fairy tales
- 1.RL 5: Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types
- 1.RI 5: Know and use various text features (e.g. headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts in a text.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to identify characteristics commonly shared by folktales and fairy tales.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies characteristics commonly shared by folktales and fairy tales.
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies characteristics commonly shared by folktales and fairy tales.
Advanced (4)	Independently creates folktales and fairy tales using the characteristics.

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to identify major differences between narrative and expository text.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies major differences between narrative and expository text.
Proficient (3)	Identifies major differences between narrative and expository text.
Advanced (4)	Independently compares and contrasts various types of text using the characteristics of each genre.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to identify major differences between narrative and expository text. Unable to know and use various text features.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies major differences between narrative and expository text. With prompting and support knows and uses various text features.
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies major differences between narrative and expository text. Knows and uses various text features.
Advanced (4)	Independently compares and contrasts various types of text using the characteristics of each genre. Differentiates between and uses various text features.

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Essential Standard: Distinguishes between and use information provided by pictures and text to describe key ideas (I)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RI.6 Distinguishes between information provide by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by words in a text.

1.RI.7 Uses illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by words in a text
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support distinguishes between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by words in a text
Proficient (3)	Independently distinguishes between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by words in a text
Advanced (4)	Judges and explains which information is most helpful in understanding the text (written or illustrated). Composes new additional information about the same topic that could be included in a text(written or illustrated)

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to use illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Proficient (3)	Independently uses illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Advanced (4)	Independently evaluates and ranks key illustrations and details in order of effectiveness in helping the reader understand the main idea

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to use illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Proficient (3)	Independently uses illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas
Advanced (4)	Independently evaluates and ranks key illustrations and details in order of effectiveness in helping the reader understand the main idea

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Essential Standard: Identifies words /phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses (L)

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RL.4 Identify words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses

1.RL.10 With prompting and support read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1
Advanced (4)	Independently reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and to identify words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and identifies words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and identifies words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Advanced (4)	Independently reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and identifies words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and to identify words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and identifies words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and independently identifies words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
Advanced (4)	Independently reads prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1 and composes new words and phrases in stories and poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Essential Standard: Recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence when reading grade level text

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students learn and use skills and strategies needed to comprehend literary and informational text.

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

- 1.RF.1 Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print .
 a. Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g. first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Proficient (3)	Independently recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Advanced (4)	Independently applies the distinguishing features of complex sentences

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Proficient (3)	Independently recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Advanced (4)	Independently applies the distinguishing features of complex sentences

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Proficient (3)	Independently recognizes the distinguishing features of a sentence including capitalization of the first word and ending punctuation
Advanced (4)	Independently applies the distinguishing features of complex sentences

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Essential Standard: Demonstrates understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes) when reading grade level text.

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RF.2:

- a. Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single- syllable words
- b. Orally produce single syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
- c. Isolate and pronounce initial , medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words
- d. Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes)

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds in spoken single-syllable words and segment spoken single-syllable words.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support is able to isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds in spoken single-syllable words and segment spoken single-syllable words
Proficient (3)	Independently is able to isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds in spoken single-syllable words and segment spoken single-syllable words
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies two-syllable words

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to orally produce single syllable words by blending sounds including consonant blends
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support is able to orally produce single syllable words by blending sounds including consonant blends
Proficient (3)	Independently is able to orally produce single syllable words by blending sounds including consonant blends
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies multi-syllable words

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support distinguishes long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words
Proficient (3)	Independently distinguishes long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies multi-syllable words

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Essential Standard: Knows and applies grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RF.3

- a. Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.
- b. Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- c. Know final *-e* and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.
- d. Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word.
- e. Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.
- f. Read words with inflectional endings.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to recognize that the number of vowel sounds determines the number of syllables and to decode two syllable words and read words with inflectional endings
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support recognizes that the number of vowel sounds determines the number of syllables and decodes two syllable words and reads words with inflectional endings
Proficient (3)	Independently recognizes that the number of vowel sounds determines the number of syllables and decodes two syllable words and reads words with inflectional endings
Advanced (4)	Independently applies complex word analysis skills

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to identify the spelling sound correspondence of consonant digraphs taught and decode regularly spelled words
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support identifies the spelling sound correspondence of consonant digraphs taught and decodes regularly spelled words
Proficient (3)	Independently identifies the spelling sound correspondence of consonant digraphs taught and decodes regularly spelled words
Advanced (4)	Independently applies complex word analysis skills

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to recognize the final <i>-e</i> and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds and
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support recognizes the final <i>-e</i> common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds
Proficient (3)	Independently recognizes the final <i>-e</i> and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds
Advanced (4)	Independently applies complex word analysis skills

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Essential Standard: Reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled /high frequency words

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.RF.3:

Recognize and read grade appropriate irregularly spelled words.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to read grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Proficient (3)	Independently reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Advanced (4)	Independently reads more complex words

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to read grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Proficient (3)	Independently reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Advanced (4)	Independently reads more complex words

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to read grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Proficient (3)	Independently reads grade appropriate irregularly spelled words
Advanced (4)	Independently reads more complex words

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FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Essential Standard: Reads grade level text with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension

Essential Standard/Student Demonstration:

1.RF.4: Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

- a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- b. Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
- c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed this trimester

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to read grade level text with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension
Needs Improvement (2)	Reads grade level text at a rate that hinders their ability to demonstrate comprehension. Does not use context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension.
Proficient (3)	Independently reads grade level text at an appropriate rate with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension. Uses context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension and improves accuracy, rate, and expression with successive readings
Advanced (4)	Independently reads grade level text at an accelerated rate with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension. Uses context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to read grade level text with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension
Needs Improvement (2)	Reads grade level text at a rate that hinders their ability to demonstrate comprehension. Does not use context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension.
Proficient (3)	Independently reads grade level text at an appropriate rate with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension. Uses context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension and improves accuracy, rate, and expression with successive readings
Advanced (4)	Independently reads grade level text at an accelerated rate with accuracy and fluency to demonstrate comprehension. Uses context to confirm or self-correct to monitor comprehension

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WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Formulates and writes an opinion about a topic or book

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W1: Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to dictate an opinion.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes an opinion about a topic or book.
Proficient (3)	Independently writes an opinion about a topic or book and demonstrates understanding of the elements of an opinion piece.
Advanced (4)	Independently writes an opinion about a topic or book and supplies a reason.

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to write an opinion.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes an opinion about a topic or book.
Proficient (3)	Independently writes an opinion about a topic or book and gives a reason
Advanced (4)	Independently writes an opinion about a topic or book and supplies many reasons.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to write an opinion.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support composes a piece including an opinion or preference about a topic or book.
Proficient (3)	Independently composes a piece including an opinion or preference about a topic or book and supplies a reason for the opinion and provides closure.
Advanced (4)	Compose a piece including an opinion or preference about a topic or book and supplies many reasons for the opinion and provides closure.

WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Writes about a topic in informational/explanatory text

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W2: Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to supply information about a topic
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, dictates the name of a topic and supplies information about that topic
Proficient (3)	Independently writes the name of a topic and supplies simple facts about that topic
Advanced (4)	Writes the name of a topic and supplies information about that topic with many details

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to supply information about a topic or dictate information with prompting and support.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support names, writes or draws information about that topic.
Proficient (3)	Independently writes information about a topic and supplies some facts about that topic
Advanced (4)	Writes information about a text and supplies elaborative details.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Little or no understanding about supplying information about a topic
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes information about a topic
Proficient (3)	Independently writes information about a topic and supplies some facts and provides a sense of closure
Advanced (4)	Writes information about a text and supplies many supporting details and provides a sense of closure

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WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Writes narratives with sequenced events

Essential Standard/Student Demonstration:

W3: Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to write narratives with two or more sequenced events
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support, demonstrates understanding of the elements of a narrative piece including some details about what happened, temporal words to signal order and a sense of closure.
Proficient (3)	Independently demonstrates understanding of the elements of a narrative piece including some details about what happened, temporal words to signal order and a sense of closure.
Advanced (4)	Independently writes narratives with two or more sequenced events, including some details regarding what happened

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to write narratives with two or more sequenced events
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes narratives with two or more sequenced events
Proficient (3)	Independently writes narratives with two or more sequenced events.
Advanced (4)	Independently writes narratives with many sequenced events, , uses temporal words to signal event order and provides some sense of closure

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to write narratives with two or more sequenced events
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes narratives with two or more sequenced events
Proficient (3)	Independently writes narratives with two sequenced events, including some details regarding what happened, uses temporal words to signal event order and provides some sense of closure
Advanced (4)	Independently writes narratives with two or more sequenced events, including elaborative details regarding what happened, uses temporal words to signal event order, and provides a sense of closure using complex language

WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Writes poems with rhyme and repetition

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

MA.3A 3a.: Write poems with rhyme and repetition

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed during this trimester

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to write poetry
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes poems with rhyme and repetition
Proficient (3)	Independently writes poems with rhyme and repetition
Advanced (4)	Independently creates varied poems with rhyme and repetition using sensory details

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to write poetry
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes poems with rhyme and repetition
Proficient (3)	Independently writes poems with rhyme and repetition
Advanced (4)	Independently creates varied poems with rhyme and repetition using sensory details

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WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Edits and revises writing

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W5: With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed during this trimester

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed during this trimester

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to edit and revise
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support from adults responds to questions and suggestions from peers and adds details to strengthen writing as needed
Proficient (3)	Independently responds to questions and suggestions from peers and adds detail to strengthen writing as needed
Advanced (4)	Independently responds to questions and suggestions from peers and adds many supporting details to strengthen writing

WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Uses a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W6: With guidance and support from adults, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed during this trimester

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Not assessed during this trimester

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to produce and publish writing
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support from adults explores a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing including in collaboration with peers
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support explores a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing including in collaboration with peers
Advanced (4)	Independently explores a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing including in collaboration with peers

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WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Participates in shared research and writing projects

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W7: Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in shared research and writing projects
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in shared research and writing projects
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in shared research and writing projects
Advanced (4)	Takes a leadership role when participating in shared research and writing projects

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in shared research and writing projects
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in shared research and writing projects
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in shared research and writing projects
Advanced (4)	Takes a leadership role when participating in shared research and writing projects

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in shared research and writing projects
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in shared research and writing projects
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in shared research and writing projects
Advanced (4)	Takes a leadership role when participating in shared research and writing projects

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WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Essential Standard: Gathers information from sources and experiences to answer a question

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

W8: With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support from adults, recalls information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write and answer to a question
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support from adults, recalls information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Advanced (4)	Independently recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources to write an answer to a question

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support from adults, recalls information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question
Advanced (4)	Independently recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources to write an answer to a question

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Needs Improvement (2)	With substantial prompting and support from adults, recalls information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Proficient (3)	With prompting and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to write an answer to a question
Advanced (4)	Independently recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources to write an answer to a question

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Essential Standard: Participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

SL.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about *grade 1 topics and texts* with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

- a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
- b. Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.
- c. Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts including listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Advanced (4)	Independently initiates and is able to take a leadership role in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts including listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges
Advanced (4)	Independently initiates and is able to take a leadership role in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Proficient (3)	Independently participates in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts including listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions
Advanced (4)	Independently initiates and is able to take a leadership role in collaborative conversations with peers and adults about grade level topics and texts: listening with care, taking turns to speak with multiple exchanges, and asking questions

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Essential Standard: Asks and answers questions about information presented orally

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

SL.2. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

SL.3 Ask and answers questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to understand text read aloud or information presented orally
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed. .
Proficient (3)	Independently confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed.
Advanced (4)	Asks and answers complex questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to understand text read aloud or information presented orally.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting to confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed
Proficient (3)	Independently confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed.
Advanced (4)	Asks and answers complex questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to understand text read aloud or information presented orally.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed. .
Proficient (3)	Independently confirms understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification when needed.
Advanced (4)	Asks and answers complex questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Essential Standard: Describes familiar people, places, things or events with detail and appropriate visual displays

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

SL.4 Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.

SL.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe familiar people, places, things, and events.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support describes familiar people, places, things, and events and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Proficient (3)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provides additional detail and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Advanced (4)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and provides elaborative detail. Adds elaborate visual displays to their description.

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe familiar people, places, things, and events.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support describes familiar people, places, things, and events and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Proficient (3)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provides additional detail and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Advanced (4)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and provides elaborative detail. Adds elaborate visual displays to their description.

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to describe familiar people, places, things, and events.
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support describes familiar people, places, things, and events and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Proficient (3)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provides additional detail and adds appropriate visual displays to their description.
Advanced (4)	Independently describes familiar people, places, things, and events and provides elaborative detail. Adds elaborate visual displays to their description.

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Essential Standard: Speaks audibly and expresses ideas clearly

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

SL.6. Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to speak audibly or express ideas clearly and use complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support speaks audibly, expresses ideas clearly using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Proficient (3)	Independently speaks audibly and expresses ideas clearly using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Advanced (4)	Independently speaks using rich language in complex sentences

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to speak audibly or express ideas clearly and use complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support speaks audibly, expresses ideas clearly using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Proficient (3)	Independently speaks audibly and expresses ideas clearly using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Advanced (4)	Independently speaks using rich language in complex sentences

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to speak audibly or express ideas clearly and use complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support speaks audibly, expresses ideas clearly using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Proficient (3)	Independently speaks audibly and expresses ideas clearly, using complete sentences when appropriate to the task and situation
Advanced (4)	Independently speaks using rich language in complex sentences.

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Language and Vocabulary

Essential Standard: Demonstrates command of English grammar speaking

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students use standard English grammar and conventions of language when speaking and writing. Students acquire, understand, and use new and diverse vocabulary

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.L.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.
- c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop).
- d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything).
- e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home).
- f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.
- g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).
- h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).
- i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).
- j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences when speaking
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences when speaking
Proficient (3)	Independently speaks clearly using singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences
Advanced (4)	Consistently uses singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in complex sentences when speaking

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to speak clearly using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences in speaking
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support speaks clearly using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences when speaking
Proficient (3)	Independently speaks clearly using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences
Advanced (4)	Consistently uses correct pronouns, conjunctions, and adjectives in complex sentences when speaking

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Unable to use frequently occurring prepositions and determiners when speaking
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support can produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Requires support to use frequently occurring prepositions and determiners when speaking
Proficient (3)	Independently produces and expands complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Uses frequently occurring prepositions and determiners when speaking
Advanced (4)	Consistently uses many varied kinds of sentences in complex language when speaking

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LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY

Essential Standard: Demonstrates command of English grammar writing

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students use standard English grammar and conventions of language when speaking and writing. Students acquire, understand, and use new and diverse vocabulary

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.L.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- a. Print all upper and lower case letters
- b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.
- c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop).
- d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything).
- e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home).
- f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.
- g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).
- h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).
- i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).
- j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to write using words and phrases with correct letter formation
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes using singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences and requires assistance to print all upper and lower case letters correctly
Proficient (3)	Independently writes using singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences and prints all upper and lower case letters correctly.
Advanced (4)	Independently writes using complete, complex sentences

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to write clearly using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences
Proficient (3)	Independently writes using correct pronouns, conjunctions and adjectives in basic sentences
Advanced (4)	Independently writes using complete, complex sentences

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to write simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Unable to use frequently occurring prepositions and determiners
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support writes and expand simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Requires support to use frequently occurring prepositions and determiners
Proficient (3)	Independently writes and expands simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Uses frequently occurring prepositions and determiners
Advanced (4)	Independently writes various types of complex sentences

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LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY

Essential Standard: Demonstrates conventions of standard English (eg. spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) when writing

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.L2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,

punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- a. Capitalize dates and names of people.
- b. Use end punctuation for sentences.
- c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.
- d. Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
- e. Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions

Second Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words and to write including end punctuation for sentences and capitals for names and dates
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words; and the use of end punctuation for sentences and capitals for names and dates
Proficient (3)	Independently uses conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words; and the use of end punctuation for sentences and capitals for names and dates
Advanced (4)	Independently spells frequently used irregular words and uses correct punctuation consistently including those not specifically taught but seen in grade level work

First Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to include end punctuation for sentences and capitals for names and dates when writing and spell words phonetically
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support includes end punctuation for sentences and capitals for names and dates when writing and spells words phonetically.
Proficient (3)	Independently includes end punctuation for sentences and capitals for beginning of sentences, names and dates when writing and spells words phonetically
Advanced (4)	Independently uses conventional spelling, capitals, and ending punctuation when writing complex sentences

Third Trimester: Benchmarks

Warning (1)	Unable to use conventional spelling of words with common spelling patterns for frequently occurring irregular words. Unable to capitalize proper nouns and uses commas appropriately in dates and when writing nouns in a series
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses conventional spelling of words with common spelling patterns for frequently occurring irregular words; and to capitalizes proper nouns, and use of commas appropriately in dates and when writing nouns in a series
Proficient (3)	Independently uses conventional spelling of words with common spelling patterns for frequently occurring irregular words and capitalizes proper nouns, and uses commas appropriately in dates and when writing nouns in a series
Advanced (4)	Independently spells frequently used irregular words in all written work

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LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY

Essential Standard: Uses strategies to determine the meaning of unknown or multiple meaning words and phrases

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students use standard English grammar and conventions of language when speaking and writing. Students acquire, understand, and use new and diverse vocabulary

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

- 1.L.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 1 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.
- Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
 - Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.
 - Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., *look*) and their inflectional forms (e.g., *looks, looked, looking*).

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to use context clues to determine the meaning of a word. Unable to identify frequently used root words and their inflectional endings
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses context clues to determine the meaning of a word and to identify frequently used root words and their inflectional endings
Proficient (3)	Independently uses context clues to determine the meaning of a word and identifies frequently used root words and their inflectional endings
Advanced (4)	Independently understands complex words with affixes and applies prior knowledge and context to determine word meaning

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to use sentence context clues to uncover meaning
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses sentence context clues to uncover meaning
Proficient (3)	Independently uses sentence context clues to uncover meaning of unknown words
Advanced (4)	In addition to context clues, understands the relationship of affixes and base words

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to use frequently occurring affixes to determine the meaning of words. Unable to use context clues to determine the meaning of a word
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses frequently occurring affixes to determine the meaning of words and to use context clues to determine the meaning of a word
Proficient (3)	Independently uses frequently occurring affixes to determine the meaning of words and uses context clues to determine the meaning of a word
Advanced (4)	Explains how affixes are related to the meaning of the root word. Applies knowledge to untaught words

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LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY

Essential Standard: Demonstrates understanding of word relationships and meanings

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME:

Students use standard English grammar and conventions of language when speaking and writing. Students acquire, understand, and use new and diverse vocabulary

ESSENTIAL STANDARD/STUDENT DEMONSTRATION:

1.L.5: With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

- a. Sort words into categories (e.g., colors, clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.
- b. Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., a duck is a bird that swims; a tiger is a large cat with stripes).
- c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy).
- d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.

1.L.6: Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., because).

Second Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to define words by attributes
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support defines words by attributes
Proficient (3)	Independently defines words by attributes and elaborates with details
Advanced (4)	Independently distinguishes shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives

Third Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to use vocabulary in real life connections and distinguish shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support uses vocabulary in real life connections to distinguish shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives
Proficient (3)	Independently uses vocabulary in real life connections and distinguishes shades of meaning among verbs, adjectives and elaborates with details.
Advanced (4)	Independently uses conjunctions to explain and expand thoughts to support ideas.

First Trimester: Benchmarks	
Warning (1)	Unable to sort words into categories
Needs Improvement (2)	With prompting and support sorts words into categories
Proficient (3)	Independently sorts words into categories and defines words by attributes
Advanced (4)	Independently identifies real-life connections between words and their use

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