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Notes:

The Appendices for the Marking Guidelines supplement the Amended Marking Guidelines. The appendices provide instructional factors for consideration in subject-area grading. No policy changes have been made; however, the content is streamlined to provide quick, relevant information for consistent grading.

There are no appendices for Math, Science and Social Studies.

Promotion and Retention

A pupil may only be required to repeat kindergarten in accordance with the School Code. However, retention is permitted, only if the parent or guardian, the teacher, the principal, and the assistant superintendent agree that retention is in the best interest of the child. Such cases must be referred to the neighborhood network office by May 16 and be accompanied with supporting documentation. If May 16 falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday prior to May 16.

Special Education: Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are expected to make on-going progress on their IEP goals and objectives that are based on the general education curriculum. Progress monitoring is reflected by:

- Progress monitoring performance on curricular goals
- The process for completing work
- Sustaining effort on meeting their individual goals and objectives having been provided with appropriate aids, services and accommodations

IEP teams are to review, monitor, and revise the IEP on a regular basis to support and sustain student progress.

English Learners (EL)

- An English Learner's instructional and independent reading level(s) may be below grade-level because of his/her English language proficiency level. When this is the case, a below-grade reading level is not sufficient cause to lower a student's reading grade.
- The classroom teacher must collaborate with the ESOL teacher when determining the reading, writing, and oral communication grades.
- Grading in all subjects must follow the same procedures outlined in the grade-level marking guidelines. However, teachers must use the WIDA Can Do Descriptors, available in the appendices or at www.wida.us/standards/CAN_DOs/, to modify instruction and assessments. Grades must be determined based on modified instruction and assessment.
- English Learners cannot be given a failing mark based on their entering, beginning, developing, or expanding level of English proficiency. For any failing marks, teachers must provide documentation that instruction and assessment was modified appropriately and parents must be notified.
- Students that have been in the country less than 15 school days can be given an NG (No Grade). The reason code is "No grade due to late admission."
- For further information regarding assessment of students in dual language programs, see the Dual Language Program Handbook, downloadable at: webapps1.philasd.org/downloads/tdm/Dual_Language_Program_Handbook.pdf



CAN DO Descriptors: Grade Level Cluster PreK-K
For the given level of English language proficiency and with visual, graphic, or interactive support through Level 4, English language learners can process or produce the language needed to

	Level 1 Entering	Level 2 Beginning	Level 3 Developing	Level 4 Expanding	Level 5 Bridging	
LISTENING	Match oral language to classroom and everyday objects Point to stated pictures in context Respond non-verbally to oral commands or statements (e.g., through physical movement) Find familiar people and places named orally	 Sort pictures or objects according to oral instructions Match pictures, objects or movements to oral descriptions Follow one-step oral directions (e.g., "stand up"; "sit down") Identify simple patterns described orally Respond with gestures to songs, chants, or stories modeled by teachers 	 Follow two-step oral directions, one step at a time Draw pictures in response to oral instructions Respond non-verbally to confirm or deny facts (e.g., thumbs up, thumbs down) Act out songs and stories using gestures 	 Find pictures that match oral descriptions Follow oral directions and compare with visual or nonverbal models (e.g., "Draw a circle under the line.") Distinguish between what happens first and next in oral activities or readings Role play in response to stories read aloud 	Order pictures of events according to sequential language Arrange objects or pictures according to descriptive oral discourse Identify pictures/realia associated with gradelevel academic concepts from oral descriptions Make patterns from real objects or pictures based on detailed oral descriptions	Level 6 - Reaching
SPEAKING	 Identify people or objects in illustrated short stories Repeat words, simple phases Answer yes/no questions about personal information Name classroom and everyday objects 	 Restate some facts from illustrated short stories Describe pictures, classroom objects or familiar people using simple phrases Answer questions with one or two words (e.g., "Where is Sonia?") Complete phrases in rhymes, songs, and chants 	 Retell short narrative stories through pictures Repeat sentences from rhymes and patterned stories Make predictions (e.g. "What will happen next?") Answer explicit questions from stories read aloud (e.g., who, what, or where) 	 Retell narrative stories through pictures with emerging detail Sing repetitive songs and chants independently Compare attributes of real objects (e.g., size, shape, color) Indicate spatial relations of real-life objects using phrases or short sentences 	 Tell original stories with emerging detail Explain situations (e.g., involving feelings) Offer personal opinions Express likes, dislikes, or preferences with reasons 	lg

The CAN DO Descriptors work in conjunction with the WIDA Performance Definitions of the English language proficiency standards. The Performance Definitions use three criteria (1. linguistic complexity; 2. vocabulary usage; and 3. language control) to describe the increasing quality and quantity of students' language processing and use across the levels of language proficiency.



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	Level 1 Entering	Level 2 Beginning	Level 3 Developing	Level 4 Expanding	Level 5 Bridging	
READING	 Match icons and symbols to corresponding pictures Identify name in print Find matching words or pictures Find labeled real-life classroom objects 	 Match examples of the same form of print Distinguish between same and different forms of print (e.g., single letters and symbols) Demonstrate concepts of print (e.g., left to right movement, beginning/end, or top/bottom of page) Match labeled pictures to those in illustrated scenes 	 Use pictures to identify words Classify visuals according to labels or icons (e.g., animals v. plants) Demonstrate concepts of print (e.g., title, author, illustrator) Sort labeled pictures by attribute (e.g., number, initial sound) 	 Identify some high-frequency words in context Order a series of labeled pictures described orally to tell stories Match pictures to phrases/short sentences Classify labeled pictures by two attributes (e.g., size and color) 	 Find school-related vocabulary items Differentiate between letters, words, and sentences String words together to make short sentences Indicate features of words, phrases, or sentences that are the same and different 	Level 6 - Reaching
WRITING	 Draw pictures and scribble Circle or underline pictures, symbols, and numbers Trace figures and letters Make symbols, figures or letters from models and realia (e.g., straws, clay) 	 Connect oral language to print (e.g., language experience) Reproduce letters, symbols, and numbers from models in context Copy icons of familiar environmental print Draw objects from models and label with letters 	 Communicate using letters, symbols, and numbers in context Make illustrated "notes" and cards with distinct letter combinations Make connections between speech and writing Reproduce familiar words from labeled models or illustrations 	 Produce symbols and strings of letters associated with pictures Draw pictures and use words to tell a story Label familiar people and objects from models Produce familiar words/phrases from environmental print and illustrated text 	 Create content-based representations through pictures and words Make "story books" with drawings and words Produce words/phrases independently Relate everyday experiences using phrases/short sentences 	hing

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Goals for Independent Reading Levels in Kindergarten

Kindergarten	1st Term (November)	2nd Term (February)	3rd Term (April)	4th Term (June)
Target Level (Proficient)	PR and above	A and above	B and above	C and above
Strategic Intervention Needed		PR	Α	В
Intensive Intervention Needed		PR	PR and below	A and below

Shaded boxes indicate the target Independent Level for Kindergarten. The Independent Level will be placed on the report card.

Kindergarten students who are reading **independently at level C** by the end of the school year are reading on grade level.

Goals for Instructional Reading Levels in Kindergarten

Kindergarten	1st Term (November)	2nd Term (February)	3rd Term (April)	4th Term (June)
Target Level (Proficient)	A and above	B and above	C and above	D and above
Strategic Intervention Needed	PR	Α	В	B, C
Intensive Intervention Needed		PR	A and below	A and below

An Instructional Reading Level is determined for daily instruction and recorded in Student Information System (SIS). The Instructional Reading Level will not be placed on the report card.

Note: See page 3 for information regarding Special Education: Students with Disabilities and English Learners

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Instructional Factors in Using the Developmental Writing Stages Rubric in Kindergarten

- Students will develop as a writer at his/her own pace as teachers model and provide reading and writing experiences.
- Writing in Kindergarten is not expected to move sequentially from Stage 1 to Stage 6.
- Writing samples from an individual student may move back and forth between stages depending on different writing examples throughout the year.
- Each writing sample is viewed as a whole and is assessed holistically.
- For assessment purposes, emphasis should be placed on message and content before control of conventions of print.
- The stage of a student's writing can be determined by identifying the pattern that most closely matches the student's writing.

Instructional Factors in Writing in Kindergarten

- Students must be given the opportunity to learn about and practice effective writing.
- Students try new genres and must be exposed to multiple modes of writing. Their work should not be graded.
- This collection allows students to reflect on their growth as writers and provides a view of the student's development and growth over time.
- Literature that is read aloud and shared provides examples of the writing craft students should model and adapt in their writing.
- At least one piece of writing should be published each report period.

K – 1 Developmental Writing Stages

Stage 1

- Draws a picture only
- Tells about drawing
- Uses scribbling and letter-like symbols
- Draws a picture and uses scribbling
- Imitates writing

Stage 2

- Draws a recognizable picture
- Uses own drawing to tell a story and is able to tell an adult a word, label, thought, or a complete sentences
 about the drawing
- Attempts written symbols (circles, shapes, squiggles, or more controlled lines) and may say a story
- Attempts to read message
- Writes own name

Stage 3

- Draws a picture and is able to tell an adult a complete sentence or a story that relates to the picture
- Begins to make the connection that written symbols convey a message
 - o may use strings of numbers and letters
 - o may use names or parts of names
 - may copy words from the environment
 - o may spell some frequently used and/or familiar words correctly
 - o may demonstrate limited knowledge of letter-sounds and is able to tell what the letters say
- Knows the direction of print

Stage 4

- Draws a picture and labels it
- Connects letters and sounds, usually beginning and ending and some vowels, uses phonetic spelling
- Spells some frequently used words correctly
- Knows the direction of print
- Demonstrates spacing between words
- Text may contain incomplete thoughts and/or simple sentences
- Parts of text may not be understandable unless told to an adult

K - 1 Developmental Writing Stages, Continued

Stage 5 - Goal End of Kindergarten, Beginning of Grade 1

- Writes complete thoughts in sentence form (capitalization and punctuation may be absent or incorrect)
- Writes sentences that make sense (sentences may or may not be related but text has no sense of story)
- Writes sentences that may be short, simple and uses them more than once
- Represents most letters and sounds in words (phonetic spelling is evident)
- Spells many frequently used words correctly; may spell other familiar words correctly
- Text is readable without telling it to an adult

Stage 6 - Goal End of Grade 1

- Begins to develop a sense of story (may have appropriate beginning, ending and/or logical connection of events)
- Writes sentences that focus on a topic much of the time
- Composes text that contains basic ideas with some details
- Begins to vary sentence lengths and patterns
- Spells most frequently used words correctly
- Represents most sounds in words; spells some words correctly
- Begins to use some correct capitalization and punctuation
- May attempt to use talk in writing
- Begins to include colorful words to describe objects, people and events
- Begins to choose words and phrases that show evidence of literary language (writes the way authors do)
- Begins to express ideas in a creative way or writing may contain original ideas

Goals for Developmental	November	February	April	June
Writing in Kindergarten	Stages 1, 2	Stages 2, 3	Stage 4	Stage 5

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Digital Literacy and Technology Skills

The purpose of assessing digital literacy and technology skills is to measure levels of proficiency as indicated in Pennsylvania Business, Computers and Informational Technology Standards

Teachers are encouraged to use multiple opportunities to evaluate student progress using the following suggested assessment tools: anecdotal records, class participation, finished projects (individual/group), logs, portfolios, presentations, quizzes/tests and reports. **See the Curriculum Engine for additional resources**

Scoring: Multiple assessments are needed to calculate one report card grade.

Assessments for each marking period should be based on the following Digital Literacy and Technology Strands:

- Computing and Society: Internet Safety
- Digital Tools and Collaboration
- Digital Media and Literacy
- Computer Science Fundamentals and Coding

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Instructional Factors in Health

The planned instruction for Health Education is based on the scope and sequence developed around the national, state and local standards for Health Education. Student progress is based on the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to health concepts. Health Education **concepts** include personal health, mental health, human growth and sexuality, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, consumer health, environmental health, nutrition, physical activity, injury prevention and disease prevention. Health Education **skills** include the ability to access accurate health information, ability to practice health enhancing behaviors, ability to analyze the influences of culture, media and technology, the ability to use interpersonal communication skills, the ability to use goal-setting and decision-making skills to enhance health and the ability to advocate for personal, family and community health. **The goal of the Health Education curriculum is to promote accurate, age-appropriate health-literacy among all children.**

Scope and Sequence

The Health Education scope and sequence includes the concepts, skills and assessment suggestions necessary to provide rich instruction and to assess knowledge and skills. The scope and sequence fully supports standards-based teaching, including multiple opportunities for project- based, interactive activities that promote wellness. The Health Education scope and sequence can be found on the Health and Physical Education website: www.philasd.org/healthphysed/. The scope and sequence defines the concepts to be taught throughout the school year.

First Term	Nutrition Physical Activity
Second Term	Personal Health Mental Health Human Growth and Sexuality
Third Term	Disease Prevention Injury Prevention
Fourth Term	Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs Consumer Health Environmental Health

Health Education Assessment Project

Health Education Assessment Project (HEAP) resources and materials include an assessment framework for elementary, middle and high school Health Education concepts and skills, performance tasks that support Health concepts and skills and rubrics to score student work. The project also has a literature-based component entitled, *A HEAP of Books*. Materials are only available with professional development, through the Office of Health, Safety, and Physical Education.

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Physical Education

Instructional Factors in Physical Education

The School District of Philadelphia planned instruction for Physical Education is based on the scope and sequence that was developed around the national, state and local standards for Physical Education. The Physical Education standards are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to achieve and maintain a physically active and healthy lifestyle. By becoming and remaining physically healthy, students will increase their chances of achieving at their highest academic potential. Student progress is based on the acquisition of knowledge and skills related to physical activity and wellness. It is critical for instructors to assess student progress in the affective, cognitive and physical domains of learning. The goal of the Physical Education curriculum is to develop positive attitudes towards healthy lifestyles, lifelong participation in physical activity and wellness activities.

Scope and Sequence

The Physical Education scope and sequence includes the concepts, skills and assessment suggestions necessary to provide rich instruction and to assess students' knowledge and skills. The scope and sequence fully supports standards based teaching and serves as a vital resource for physical education teachers as they guide students toward self-directed, independent, and cooperative learning and living consistent with real-life experiences. The Physical Education scope and sequence can be found on the Health and Physical Education website: www.philasd.org/healthphysed/. The scope and sequence defines the concepts to be taught throughout the school year.

Physical Education Instructional Strands K-12	
Physical Fitness	
Skills Development	
Self-Confidence/Self-Reliance/Social Responsibility	
Movement	

The Physical Education Standards stress these four main components with an added emphasis on developing leadership, critical thinking, decision-making, teamwork skills, and application of movement concepts and principles.

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Physical Education Developmental Concepts and Skills Checklist

This checklist outlines the developmental concepts and skills of the Physical Education curriculum.

Term (designate 2, 3, 4)	Standard	Content	Met (4,3)	In Progress (2)
	Physical Activity	Name fitness activities		
	Physical Activity	Name activities that promote health		
	Physical Activity	Name positive effects of participation		
	Physical Activity	Identify components of fitness		
	Physical Activity	Participate in fitness activities		
	Physical Activity	Describe and explain reasons for safety rules		
	Physical Activity	Describe the role of the team leader		
	Physical Activity	Describe cooperation		
	Physical Activity	Explain why sharing is important		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Demonstrates basic movement skills: runs, skips, leaps, hops and jumps		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Demonstrates non-movement skills: bend, stretch, twist, and reach		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Demonstrates manipulative movements: throw, catch and kick		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Demonstrate movement relationships: over, under and beside		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Demonstrate combination movements: locomotor and non- locomotor combinations		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Identify principles to improve fitness: FITT		
	Concepts, Principles and Strategies of Movement	Explain game strategies: faking, dodging, passing, receiving, defending and following rules of the game		

Instructional Factors in Visual Arts

The primary purpose of the assessment of visual arts is to measure achievement of students in artistic expression and response, acquisition of art knowledge, skills mastered and attitudes enriched through rigorous investigation of the four major disciplines of art education: art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics.

Teachers are to use the Core Curriculum in Art Education that describes the standards, content, skills and assessments for each grade K through 12 in four terms. The Core Curriculum is based on an orderly learning sequence of cumulative instruction that allows the student to progress through increasingly complex aspects of the discipline. The document describes what students should know and be able to do at each grade level and encourages the infusion of the visual arts across the curriculum through an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Included in the Core Curriculum are performance examples that illustrate the benchmarks at each grade level and appropriate assessment tools to evaluate student learning in the visual arts.

Teachers are encouraged to use multiple opportunities throughout the term to evaluate student progress using the following suggested assessment tools: finished projects (individual/group), portfolios, journal entries, reflective writings, rubrics, quizzes/tests, anecdotal records, reports, sketches, notebooks, peer reviews, oral presentations, checklists, logs, class participation and homework.

Scoring: At least 4-6 assessments are needed to calculate one term grade depending upon the number times the students receive art instruction per week.

Assessment for each term should be based on the student engagement in the following:

Art Production	Demonstration of technical skill using variety of media,
	techniques and processes
	Understanding and application of elements and principles
Art history and cultural contexts	Responding perceptively to works of art and artifacts from diverse cultures
Art criticism	Describing, analyzing and synthesizing to making informed judgments
Aesthetics	Reflective thinking about the meaning of art and its role in society
Class participation	
Homework	

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Instructional Factors in Music

"Music Education is an aural art form that satisfies the human need to respond to life experiences through singing, listening, and/or playing an instrument."

The primary purpose of the assessment of vocal and instrumental music is to measure achievement of students in a variety of music experiences that include:

- 1. performing, listening/responding, and creating;
- 2. providing multicultural and historical perspectives of music that reflect a wide diversity of peoples, styles, and times; and
- 3. providing appropriate assessment tools to evaluate student learning in vocal and instrumental music.

Teachers are to use the Core Curriculum in Music Education that describes the standards, content, skills and assessments for each grade K through 12 in four terms. The Core Curriculum is based on a sequential order of cumulative instruction that allows the student to progress through increasingly complex aspects of the discipline. The document describes what students should know and be able to do at each grade level and encourages the integration of music across the curriculum through an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Included in the Core Curriculum are instructional models that illustrate the benchmarks at each grade level and appropriate assessment tools to evaluate student learning in vocal and instrumental music.

Teachers are encouraged to use multiple opportunities throughout the term to evaluate student progress using the following suggested assessment tools:

Student performances (individual/group), portfolios, journal entries, reflective writings, rubrics, quizzes/tests, anecdotal records, reports, peer reviews, oral presentations, checklists, logs, class participation and homework.

Performance: singing, playing an instrument, movement (at least 3	25%
performances – individual/group)	
Elements & Principles: rhythm, melody, form, dynamics	15%
Historical and Cultural Contexts	15%
Critical Response	15%
Aesthetic Response	10%
Class Participation	20%

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Instructional Factors in Dance

Teachers are encouraged to use multiple opportunities throughout the term to evaluate student progress in dance. Assessment for each term should be based on student engagement in following:

Performance	Demonstrates knowledge of various dance styles
Dance Concepts	Identifies and interprets dance vocabulary (body alignment, balance,
	flexion, extension, isolation)
Dance	Executes movements with shifting weight, elevation and landing; fall and recovery using basic dance steps and patterns using isolation and whole body movements
Listening	Responds to changes in tempo and rhythms
Repertoire	
Class Participation	

Instructional Factors in Theater

"Theater Education is an interdisciplinary art form that satisfies the human need to express thoughts and feelings through written text, dramatic interpretation and multimedia production."

Theater is unique as it encompasses all of the arts. Due to the literature upon which it rests, theater is directly linked to the humanities. Since theater is a social art that depends on a collaborative group process, It is an excellent foundation upon which to build community, group dynamics, and project-based learning.

Theater courses afford students the opportunity to present uniquely personal representations of text and ideas. It offers students complex problem solving skills and strengthens communication and social skills. Research has shown a scientific correlation between the acting out of plays in school with direct improvements in the reading and writing scores of standardized tests. (Podlozny, A. (2000). Strengthening verbal skills through the use of classroom drama: A clear link. The Journal of Aesthetic Education v 34, # 3 and 4.)

In a theater course, students gain awareness of presentation styles and techniques often used in the performance assessments linked to the exhibition phase of project-based learning. Theater is inclusive to its core and enables all students to shine.

Theater project-based learning is directed by research. In Theater, research is called dramaturgy. This is the research needed to understand the time period of a play, the original concept and vision of the playwright, and the unique qualifiers of characters that facilitate the drama (tension and conflicts due to a character's economic, education, or social status, the degree of individual or social liberty, and issues related to character prejudice such as economic, gender, ethnic, or racial equality). Teachers as directors facilitate research methods and offer ideas on the resources available in supporting the successful completion of theater integrated projects.

Due to the complex nature of this kind of research, theater can also be an excellent foundation upon which to facilitate character education programs. Since a staged performance takes place on a specific date, theater teaches students the discipline of maintaining work timelines and schedules.

Theater naturally creates a bond between school, family, and the larger community in celebration of learning and life. Theater allows for diverse theatrical experiences drawn from individual student traditions and cultures and is a natural foundation for the study of citizenship and units in multiculturalism.

Theatre, Continued

A balanced theater education curriculum, regardless of the theatric forms or styles selected, includes a variety of learning experiences in all four of these discipline areas:

Theater Vocabulary	Stage, acting, drama, characters, rehearse, conflict, props, audience, villain, hero
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Script Making	Creating scripts and/or writing scenarios
Theater	Communicating with others through interactive storytelling, enhanced story reading,
Engagement	puppetry, enhanced retelling
Theater Research	Asking questions, researching, and theorizing about characters as they experience the drama while researching the cultural, social, historical, and philosophical
	contexts of the play

Scope and Sequence

The Scope and Sequence lists the standards, skills, and assessment methods describing what students should know and be able to demonstrate at each grade level. This guide for instruction provides the teacher with the sequence or order in which each concept is to be taught. In primary grades, teachers facilitate class wide projects. Each child will maintain a portfolio that reflects his/her unique participation in individual or collective projects.

Assessment in Theater shall include both class participation and basic theater skills:

Performance	Demonstrates knowledge of varied theater skills in interactive storytelling, enhanced story reading, acting, or enhanced retelling
Theater concepts	Identify and interpret theater vocabulary (dramaturgy, character, script, scene, stage, set)
Script writing	Characters, dialogue, setting, dramatic focus
Listening	Respond to direction
Portfolio	
Class participation	

K – 3 Theater Education Rubric

Four assessments are needed in one term to calculate the mark. Assessment is <u>not</u> cumulative. The assessment for each term reflects the student's progress on the skills and concepts taught during that term. By the third term, performance in all areas should be assessed and coded.

Teachers are encouraged to use multiple opportunities throughout the term to evaluate student progress in dance. Four assessments are needed in one term to calculate a grade.

Theater	A 90-100	B 80-89	C 70-79	D 60-69
Standard A. All students know and use the elements and principles of Theater. (Scenario, voice)	Appropriate use of theatric tools: • writes dialogue • dramatic voice • defined gestures • stage space	Appropriate use of theatric tools: • writes monologue • voice • gestures • personal space	Use of some theatric tools: • voice • gestures	Inadequate use of theatric tools: • voice
Standard B. Students recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of theater elements and principles to produce original works in Theater.	Theatric skill demonstrations: • Projected voice • Interpretative expression • Engaging script writing • Full range of stage movement	Theatric skill demonstrations: • Strong voice • Dramatic expression • Organized script writing • Good range of movement	Theatric skill demonstrations • Clear voice • Script writing • Some range of movement	Little Theatric skill demonstration: • Uneasy voice • Disorganized writing • Little range of movement

World Languages

Instructional Factors in World Language

Assessment in a World Language classroom is ongoing with teachers always assessing students' communicative skills. Students are encouraged to speak in the target language whenever possible. The quality of student communication in the target language improves with consistent practice.

In World Language the teacher focuses on four major skill areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing with the ultimate goal being proficiency in communication. The following assessments may be used to measure performance and achievement levels:

Teacher made oral and written tests		
Quizzes		
Projects		
Peer assessment		
Presentations (individual and group)		
Journals		
Projects		
Research reports		
Portfolios		
Class work and participation		
Oral and written (individual and group) discussion		
Field trips to historical/ cultural institutions		
Interviews		
Debates		
Dialogues		

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Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Locates known word(s) in text
- Analyzes words from left to right, using knowledge of sound/letter relationships
- Recognizes a few high frequency words
- Locates easy high frequency words in the text

Searching for and Using Information

- Matches spoken word with printed word
- Moves from left to right when reading
- Searches for and uses information in pictures
- Uses oral language in combination with pointing
- Uses the language structure to learn about the print
- Asks questions to clarify meaning or get information

Monitoring and Correcting

- Uses word-by-word matching
- Uses prior knowledge to self- correct and self-monitor
- Uses known words to self-monitor and self-correct
- Re-reads to self-correct errors or confirm meaning
- Begins to crosscheck one kind of information against another to monitor and self-correct reading

Summarizing

- Remembers what the story is about during reading
- Remembers important information from the text
- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story

Maintaining Fluency

- Notices and uses end punctuation and reflects it in voice
- Points to words and reads at a steady rate without long pauses

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Uses knowledge of language structure to anticipate text
- Makes predictions based on information in pictures
- Predicts the ending of a story based on reading the beginning and the middle of the story
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge and experiences

Making Connections

- Talks about own experiences in relation to the text Makes connections between similar texts and topics
- Identifies recurring characters where applicable

Synthesizing

- Identifies new information in text/pictures
- Talks about what the reader already knows relative to information in the text

Inferring

- Talks about characters' feelings
- Talks about pictures and interprets ideas from them

- Understands how the ideas in a book are related to each other
- Understands how the ideas in a text are related to a title
- Shares opinions about books and illustrations

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Locates easy high frequency words in the text
- Attends to beginning letter(s) and progresses to using final letter(s)
- Locates the first and last letters of words in continuous text
- Uses knowledge of syllables to help in word-by-word matching
- Uses letter/sound information in coordination with meaning and language structure to solve words
- Takes apart words by using the sounds of letters (CVC patterns)
- Recognizes 10/20 or more high frequency words

Searching for and Using Information

- Reads left to right and returns to the next line
- Integrates sources of information: making sure it makes sense, sounds right and looks right
- Processes texts with simple dialogue and some pronouns
- Remembers and uses language patterns to help reading
- Asks questions to clarify meaning

Monitoring and Correcting

- Re-reads to self-correct errors or confirm meaning
- Uses prior knowledge to self-correct and self-monitor
- Uses known words to self-monitor and self-correct
- Re-reads to search for information
- Uses two or more sources of information to monitor and self-correct reading
- Begins to crosscheck one kind of information against another to monitor and self-correct reading

Summarizing

- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story
- Recalls and re-tells important information or events from the text
- Understands and talks about a simple sequence or events in the story

Maintaining Fluency

- Notices and uses punctuation through appropriate pausing and intonation
- Identifies and reads some phrases as word groups

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Uses knowledge of language structure to anticipate text
- Predicts the ending of a story based on reading the beginning and the middle of the story
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge
- Makes predictions based on information gained through reading

Making Connections

- Talks about own experiences in relation to the text
- Makes connections between similar texts and topics
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable

Synthesizing

- Remembers information and details to understand after reading
- Talks about what the reader already knows relative to information in the text
- Acquires and reports new information from text
- Talks about what the reader already knows about a topic or a character prior to reading
- Shows evidence in the text of new ideas or information.

Inferring

- Talks about characters' feelings
- Talks about pictures and interprets ideas from them

- Understands how the ideas in a text are related to a title
- Notices and points out connections between text and pictures
- Understands how the ideas in a book are related to each other
- Shares opinions about books and illustrations

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Recognizes many regular words and high frequency words quickly and easily
- Uses beginning and ending parts of words to solve them
- Recognizes and uses word parts, onset and rimes, and consonant clusters to solve words while reading
- Makes connections between words by letters, sounds or spelling patterns
- Takes apart new words to solve them (e.g. syllables, compound words)

Searching for and Using Information

- Notices details in pictures and uses information to understand text
- Rereads to search for and use information from language structures or meaning
- Processes texts with simple dialogue and some pronouns
- Uses all sources of information to solve new words

Monitoring and Correcting

- Re-reads the sentence or phrase to self-correct or confirm
- Re-reads the sentence to search for and use information
- Uses sounds related to consonants to monitor and selfcorrect reading
- Uses known words to monitor and self-correct

Summarizing

- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story
- Recalls and re-tells important information or events from the text
- Understands and talks about a simple sequence or events in the story
- Provides an oral summary of a text
- Shows evidence in the print or pictures to support inferences

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading
- Reflects language syntax and meaning through phrasing and expression
- Notices and uses punctuation through appropriate pausing and intonation
- Demonstrates appropriate stress on words in a sentence

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Uses knowledge of language structure to anticipate text
- Predicts the ending of a story based on reading the beginning and the middle of the story
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge
- Makes predictions based on information and pictures gained through reading

Making Connections

- Makes and discusses connections about own experiences in relation to the text
- Makes connections between similar texts and topics
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable

Synthesizing

- Identifies new information in text/pictures
- Talks about what the reader already knows relative to information in the text
- Acquires and reports new information from text
- Talks about what the reader already knows about a topic or a character prior to reading
- Shows evidence in the text of new ideas or information.

Inferring

- Infers and talks about characters' feelings, motives and attributes
- Talks about pictures and interprets ideas from them
- Sees changes in characters over time and can cite reasons

- Notices and appreciates humor
- Recognizes whether a text is fiction or non-fiction
- Discusses the differences between photographs and illustrations
- Understands that a story has a beginning middle and end
- Recognizes and discusses how print layout or features are used to convey meaning
- Understands how writers use interesting characters and events

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Recognizes most words quickly and easily
- Removes the endings from base words to solve new words
- Uses sounds related to vowels and consonants to solve words
- Recognizes and uses word parts, onset and rimes, and consonant clusters to solve words while reading
- Makes connections between words by letters, sounds or spelling patterns
- Takes apart new words to solve them (e.g. syllables, compound words)
- Recognizes 50 or more high frequency words

Searching for and Using Information

- Notices details in pictures and uses information to understand text
- Rereads to search for and use information to confirm meaning
- Processes texts with simple dialogue and some pronouns
- Uses all sources of information to solve new words
- Uses simple organizational features (e.g. titles and headings)
- Notices and uses readers' tools such as table of contents where applicable
- Searches for specific facts in informational texts

Monitoring and Correcting

- Re-read the sentence or phrase to self-correct or confirm
- Uses letter-sound relationships and word parts to monitor and self-correct
- Self-corrects close to the point of error
- Uses known words to monitor and self-correct

Summarizing

- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story
- Recalls and re-tells important information or events from the text
- Understands and talks about a simple sequence or events in the story
- Provides an oral summary of a text with appropriate details

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading
- Reflects language syntax and meaning through phrasing and expression
- Identifies and reads some phrases as word groups
- Demonstrates appropriate stress on words in a sentence

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes predictions using language structure
- Makes predictions based on knowledge of characters or genre
- Predicts the ending of a story based on reading the beginning and the middle of the story
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge
- Makes predictions based on information gained through reading

Making Connections

- Makes connections between similar texts/topics
- Makes and discusses connections between texts and reader's experiences
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable

Synthesizing

- Identifies new information in text/pictures
- Acquires and reports new information from text
- Interprets and talks about characters motivations and feelings

Inferring

- Infers and talks about characters' feelings, motives and attributes
- Interprets causes for feelings and motives
- Shows empathy for characters and can infer their feelings or motivations
- Shows evidence in the print or pictures to support inferences

- Recognizes whether a text is fiction or non-fiction
- Recognizes whether a text is realistic fiction or fantasy
- Recognizes an informational text by its features
- Understands that a story has a beginning, a series of events, and ending
- Recognizes and discusses how print layout or features are used to convey meaning
- Understands how writers use interesting characters and events
- Identifies how the writer has selected interesting information for factual texts
- Understands how the writer has used humor

Thinking Within the Text Solving Words

- Recognizes most words quickly and easily
- Removes the endings from base words to solve new words
- Uses letter clusters (blends and diagraphs) to solve words
- Uses sounds related to vowels and consonants to solve words
- Takes apart new words to solve them (e.g. syllables, compound words)
- Quickly and automatically recognizes 75 or more high frequency words
- Connects words that have the same or similar meaning, to derive an understanding from the text
- Uses context clues and pictures to derive meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary

Searching for and Using Information

- Notices and uses labels for pictures
- Processes texts with split dialogue and some pronouns
- Uses all sources of information to solve new words
- Uses simple organizational features (e.g. titles and headings)
- Notices and uses readers' tools such as table of contents where applicable
- Searches for specific facts in informational texts

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects close to the point of error
- Re-reads the sentence or phrase to self-correct or confirm
- Uses relationships between sounds and letters, and letter clusters to monitor accuracy
- Uses known words to monitor and self-correct
- Realizes when more information is needed to understand text

Summarizing

- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story
- Recalls and re-tells important information from factual texts
- Understands and talks about a simple sequence or events in the story
- Provides an oral summary of a text with appropriate details in sequence
- Follows and discusses multiple events in a story

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading
- Reflects language syntax and meaning through phrasing and expression
- Reflects punctuation through appropriate pausing and intonation while reading orally
- Demonstrates appropriate stress on words in a sentence

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes predictions using language structure
- Makes predictions based on knowledge of characters or genre
- Predicts the ending of a story based on reading beginning and middle of the story
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge and experiences
- Makes predictions based on information gained through reading
- Supports predictions with evidence from the text or prior knowledge

Making Connections

- Makes connections between similar texts and topics
- Makes and discusses connections between texts and reader's experiences
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable

Synthesizing

- Identifies new information in text and pictures
- Relates content of the text to what is already known
- Acquires and reports new information from text
- Interprets and talks about characters' motivations and feelings

Inferring

- Infers causes for characters' feelings or motives
- Justifies inferences with evidence from the text
- Shows empathy for characters and can infer their feelings or motivations
- Infers causes and effects as implied in the text
- Uses and interprets information from pictures without depending on pictures to construct meaning

- Recognizes whether a text is fiction or non-fiction
- Identifies characteristics of genres (e.g. realistic fiction, fantasy, factual, plays, traditional literature)
- Notices writer's specific use of words to convey meaning (e.g. shouted, cried)
- Understands that a story has a beginning, a series of events, and ending
- Recognizes and discusses how print layout or features are used to convey meaning
- Understands how writers use interesting characters and events

Thinking Within the Text Solving Words

- Uses letter-sound relationships to solve more complex words
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words (e.g. taking it apart, using meaning)
- Demonstrates competent active word-solving while reading at an appropriate pace
- Uses sounds related to vowels and consonants to solve words
- Recognizes and uses word parts, onset and rimes, and consonant clusters to solve words while reading
- Makes connections between words by letter sounds or spelling patterns
- Takes apart new words to solve them (e.g. syllables, compound words)
- Quickly and automatically recognizes 100 or more high frequency words within continuous text
- Connects words that have the same or similar meaning, to derive an understanding from the text
- Uses context clues and pictures to derive meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary

Searching for and Using Information

- Notices and uses labels for pictures
- Notices and uses graphics and labeled pictures that provide information about the text
- Processes texts with split dialogue and some pronouns
- Uses a table of contents to locate information in the text
- Searches for information that is important to understand the text

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects close to the point of error
- Re-reads to problem solve, self-correct or confirm
- Uses multiple sources of information to monitor and selfcorrect using language structure and letter-sound information
- Uses known words to monitor and self-correct
- Realizes when more information is needed to understand text

Summarizing

- Remembers information to help understand the end of the story
- Identifies and understands a set of related ideas in a text
- Understands and talks about a sequence of events in the story
- After reading provides an oral summary of a text with appropriate details
- Summarizes narratives with multiple events in a story

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading
- Reflects language syntax and meaning through phrasing and expression
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of the full range of punctuation
- Demonstrates appropriate stress on words in a sentence
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes predictions based on language structure
- Makes predictions based on knowledge of characters or genre
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge and information gained through reading
- Uses understanding of text structure to make predictions
- Supports predictions with evidence from the text or prior knowledge

Making Connections

- Makes connections between various texts
- Makes and discusses connections between texts and reader's experiences, before, during and after reading
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable
- Makes connections between characters and events based on prior knowledge

Synthesizing

- Differentiates between what is known and new information
- Identifies new information and incorporates it into present understandings
- Demonstrates learning new content from reading

Inferring

- Shows empathy for characters and can infer their feelings or motivations
- Justifies interferences with evidence from the text
- Infers causes and effects as implied in the text
- Interprets information from pictures without depending on pictures to construct meaning

- Recognizes whether a text is fiction or non-fiction
- Identifies characteristics of genres (e.g. realistic fiction, fantasy, factual, plays)
- Notices writer's specific use of words to convey meaning (e.g. shouted, cried) Identifies parts of a story beginning, a series of events, and an ending
- Recognizes and discusses how print layout or features are used to convey meaning
- Understands how writers use interesting characters and events
- Agrees or disagrees with the ideas in the text

Thinking Within the Text Solving Words

- Uses letter-sound relationships to solve complex words
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words (e.g. taking it apart, using meaning)
- Demonstrates competent active word-solving while reading at an appropriate pace
- Uses sounds related to vowels and consonants to solve words
- Recognizes and uses word parts, onset and rimes, and consonant clusters to solve words while reading
- Makes connections between words by letters, sounds or spelling patterns
- Takes apart new words to solve them (e.g. syllables, compound words)
- Recognizes 150 or more high frequency words within the text
- Connects words that have the same or similar meaning, to derive an understanding from the text
- Uses context clues and pictures to derive meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary

Searching for and Using Information

- Uses multiple sources of information to solve words
- Notice and uses graphics, such as labels and captions for pictures, and diagrams
- Processes texts with split dialogue assigned to speakers
- Uses a table of contents, index and glossary to locate information in the text
- Searches for information that is important to understand the text

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects close to the point of error
- Uses multiple sources of information to monitor self-correct (e.g. language structure, meaning, letter-sound information)
- Uses known words to monitor and self-correct
- Realizes when more information is needed to understand text

Summarizing

- Summarizes narratives with multiple events in a story
- Understands problem and solution in a story
- Understands and talks about a set of related ideas or events in the story
- After reading provides an oral summary of a text with appropriate details
- Remembers information or a series of events to help understand the end of the story

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of the full range of punctuation
- Demonstrates appropriate stress on words in a sentence
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing
- Solves most words in the text quickly and automatically to support fluency
- · Reads silently at a good rate

Thinking Beyond the Text Predicting

- Makes predictions based on language structure
- Makes predictions based on knowledge of characters or genre
- Predicts the solution to the problem
- Makes predictions based on prior knowledge and information gained through reading
- Uses understanding of text structure to make predictions
- Supports predictions with evidence from the text or prior knowledge
- Searches for and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions

Making Connections

- Makes connections between characters and events based on prior knowledge
- Recognizes and applies attributes of recurring characters where applicable
- Makes and discusses connections between texts and reader's experiences, before, during and after reading

Synthesizing

- Differentiates between what is known and new information
- Expresses changes in ideas after reading a text
- Demonstrates learning new content from reading

Inferring

- Infers causes and effects as implied in the text
- Shows empathy for characters and can infer their feelings or motivations
- Justifies interferences with evidence from the text

- Recognizes whether a text is fiction or non-fiction
- Identifies characteristics of genres (e.g. realistic fiction, fantasy, factual, plays)
- Identifies a point in the story where the problem is resolved
- Notices descriptive and figurative language
- Recognizes and discusses how print layout or features are used to convey meaning
- Notices specific writing techniques (e.g. question and answer)
- Notices a writer's style
- Agrees or disagrees with the ideas in the text

Thinking Within the Text Solving Words

- Uses multiple sources of information to solve new words
- Uses multiple strategies to figure out new words while focusing on meaning
- Analyzes words from left to right, using knowledge of letter/sound relationships
- Uses known words and word parts to figure out new words
- Reads fluently, slowing down to figure out new words and then resuming fluency

Searching for and Uses Information

- Processes text with varied dialogue
- Notices and uses graphics such as: labels, simple diagrams and captions
- Uses readers' tools such as table of contents, index and glossary to locate information
- Processes long sentences with 10 or more words
- Uses chapter titles to predict content

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects errors that cause loss of meaning
- Re-reads when necessary to search for meaning and selfcorrects
- Uses multiple sources of information to monitor and selfcorrect (e.g. language structure, meaning, letter-sound information)

Summarizing

- Reports episodes in the text in sequence
- Identifies important ideas in a text and reports them in an organized way
- Follows and remembers events in the story to understand the ending
- Understands the problem and solution of a story or text

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading with appropriate stress on words
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of the full range of punctuation
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing
- Solves most words in the text quickly and automatically to support fluency
- Reads silently at a good rate

Thinking Beyond the Text Predicting

- Makes predictions about the solution to the problem in the story
- Uses text structure to predict the outcome of a narrative
- Searches for, and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions
- Justifies predictions using evidence
- Makes predictions about the characters based on traits revealed by the writer

Making Connections

- Uses background knowledge to understand texts before, during and after reading
- Makes connections between various text
- Specifies the nature of connections topic, content, writer, genre

Synthesizing

- Demonstrates learning new content from reading
- Differentiates between known and new information

Inferring

- Infers causes and effects by reading about characters and events
- Demonstrates understanding of characters using evidence from the text
- Infers characters feelings through reading the characters dialogue
- Infers the causes of problems or the outcomes in fiction and non-fiction

- Notices aspects of genres
- Notices aspects of a writer's style after reading several books by the same author
- Notices use of descriptive language
- Agrees or disagrees with ideas in the text
- Hypothesizes how characters might have behaved differently

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Uses multiple sources of information to process text smoothly
- Connects words that mean the same or almost the same to help understand text
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words (e.g. word parts, endings and prefixes)
- Solves and understands content specific words using graphics and tools from the text
- Understands longer descriptive words

Searching for and Using Information:

- Uses multiple sources of information to solve new words
- Notices and uses graphics such as: labels, diagrams, maps, charts and captions
- Goes beyond the text in discussions and interpretations
- Sustains problem-solving and development of meaning through a longer text read over several days
- Uses chapter titles to predict content
- Processes longer sentences (over 15 words)

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects errors that cause loss of meaning
- Re-reads when necessary to search for meaning and selfcorrects
- Silently reads sections of the text
- Self-corrects when errors detract from meaning

Summarizing

- Reports episodes in the text in sequence
- Identifies important ideas in a text and reports them in an organized way
- Follows and remembers events in the story to understand the ending Understands the problem of a story and it's solution
- Summarizes ideas from the text and how they are related

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading with appropriate stress on words
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of punctuation
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing
- Solves most words in the text quickly and automatically to support fluency
- Reads silently at a good rate
- Slows down reading to search for information or think about ideas and resume normal pace of reading again

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes predictions about the solution to the problem in the story
- Uses text structure to predict the outcome of a narrative
- Makes a wide range of predictions based on prior knowledge, content knowledge and knowledge of texts
- Searches for and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions
- Justifies predictions using evidence
- Makes predictions about the character based on traits revealed by the writer

Making Connections

- Uses background knowledge to understand text before, during and after reading
- Makes connections between the text and other texts read
- Specifies the nature of connections topic, content, writer, genre

Synthesizing

- Demonstrates learning new content from reading
- Differentiates between known and new information

Inferring

- Infers causes and effects by reading about characters and events
- Demonstrates understanding of characters using evidence from the text
- Infers characters feelings through reading their dialogue
- Infers causes of problems or outcomes in fiction and nonfiction

- Notices aspects of genres
- Notices aspects of a writer's style after reading several books by the same author
- Notices use of descriptive language
- Agrees or disagrees with ideas in the text
- Hypothesizes how characters might have behaved differently

Thinking Within the Text Solving Words

- Begins to notice new and interesting words, records them and actively uses them in oral or written work
- Connects words that mean the same or almost the same to help understand text
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words word parts, endings and prefixes
- Solves and understands content specific words using graphics and tools from the text
- Solves words with 2 or 3 syllables and longer descriptive words

Searching for and Using Information

- Uses multiple sources of information to solve new words
- Notices and uses readers' tools such as: labels, diagrams, maps, charts and captions
- Goes beyond the text in discussions and interpretations
- Sustains problem-solving and development of meaning through a longer text read over several days
- Uses chapter titles to predict content
- Processes longer sentences (over 15 words) with a series of nouns verbs and adjectives

Monitoring and Correcting

- Self-corrects errors that cause loss of meaning
- Re-reads when necessary to search for meaning and selfcorrects
- Silently reads sections of the text
- Constantly checks on understanding or searches for information while reading

Summarizing

- Reports episodes in the text in sequence
- Identifies important ideas in a text and reports them in an organized way
- Follows and remembers events in the story to understand the ending
- Understands the problem of a story and the solution
- Summarizes ideas from the text and how they are related

Maintaining Fluency

- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of punctuation and reads dialogue with expression
- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading with appropriate stress on words
- Solves most words in the text quickly and automatically to support fluency
- Reads silently at a good rate
- Slows down reading to search for information or think about ideas and resume normal pace of reading again

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes predictions about the solution to the problem in the story
- Uses text structure to predict the outcome of a narrative
- Makes a wide range of predictions based on prior knowledge, content knowledge and knowledge of texts
- Searches for and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions
- Justifies predictions using evidence
- Makes predictions about the character based on traits revealed by the writer

Making Connections

- Uses background knowledge to understand text before, during and after reading
- Makes connections between the text and other texts read
- Specifies the nature of connections topic, content, writer, genre

Synthesizing

- Demonstrates learning new content from reading
- Differentiates between known and new information
- Demonstrates changing perspectives as events in a story unfold

Inferring

- Infers causes and effects by reading about characters and events
- Demonstrates understanding of characters using evidence from the text
- Infers characters feelings through reading their dialogue
- Infers causes of problems or outcomes in fiction and nonfiction

- Notices aspects of genres
- Notices aspects of a writer's style after reading several books by the same author
- Notices use of descriptive language
- Agrees or disagrees with ideas in the text
- Hypothesizes how characters might have behaved differently

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Behaviors to Notice, Teach and Support

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Notices new and interesting words, records them and actively uses them in oral or written work
- Understands connotative (secondary) meaning of words
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words (e.g. word parts, endings, prefixes)
- Solves and understands content specific words using graphics and tools from the text
- Solves words with 2 or 3 syllables and longer descriptive words
- Solves difficult words using background knowledge

Searching for and Using Information

- Processes texts that have many lines of print on the page
- Forms implicit questions and searches for answers while reading
- Goes beyond the text in discussions and interpretations
- Sustains problem-solving and development of meaning through a longer text read over several days
- Searches for information using readers tools such as: illustrations, maps, charts, captions, table of contents, index, glossary and headings
- Processes many long sentences (over 15 words) with a series of nouns verbs and adjectives

Monitoring and Correcting

 Continues to monitor accuracy and understanding, selfcorrecting when errors detract from meaning

Summarizing

- Identifies and understands related idea organized into categories
- Summarizes longer narrative texts with multiple episodes either orally or in writing
- Follows and remembers events and the problem in the story over a longer text to understand the ending
- Understands the problem of a story and the solution

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading with appropriate stress on words
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of punctuation and reads dialogue with expression
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Uses text structure to predict the outcome of a narrative
- Makes a wide range of predictions based on prior knowledge, content knowledge and knowledge of texts
- Searches for and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions
- Justifies predictions using evidence
- Makes predictions about the character based on traits revealed by the writer

Making Connections

- Uses background knowledge to understand text before, during and after reading
- Makes connections between the text and other texts read
- Makes connections between real life experiences and people who live in diverse cultures
- Interprets characters and events that are not in the readers' experiences
- Specifies the nature of connections topic, content, writer, genre

Synthesizing

- Demonstrates learning new content from reading
- Differentiates between known and new information
- Mentally forms categories of related information and revises when new information is read
- Expresses changes in ideas or opinions after reading and can justify those ideas
- Demonstrates changing perspectives as events in a story unfold

Inferring

- Follows multiple characters in a story
- Demonstrates understanding of characters using evidence from the text
- Infers causes and effects by reading about characters and following their dialogues and events
- Infers causes of problems or outcomes in fiction and nonfiction

- Notices combined genres in hybrid texts
- Notices aspects of a writer's style after reading several books by the same author
- Notices use of descriptive language, dialogue and layout
- · Agrees or disagrees with ideas in the text

Reading Assessment Checklist

Behaviors to Notice, Teach and Support

Thinking Within the Text

Solving Words

- Notices new and interesting words, records them and actively uses them in oral or written work
- Understands connotative (secondary) meaning of words
- Demonstrates flexible ways to solve words word parts, endings and prefixes
- Solves and understands content specific words using graphics & tools from the text
- Solves multi-syllable words with more than 3 syllables and longer descriptive words
- Solves difficult and technical words using background knowledge and graphics in the text
- Identifies words with multiple meanings and discusses deeper meanings of words

Searching for and Using Information

- Processes text that have many lines of print of the page
- Forms implicit questions and searches for answers while reading
- Goes beyond the text in discussions and interpretations
- Sustains problem-solving and development of meaning through a longer text read over several days
- Incorporates new knowledge when reading chapters or short stories
- Searches for information using readers' tools such as: illustrations, maps, charts, captions, table of contents, index, glossary and headings
- Processes many long sentences (over 15 words) with a series of nouns verbs and adjectives

Monitoring and Correcting

 Continues to monitor accuracy and understanding, selfcorrecting when errors detract from meaning

Summarizing

- Identifies and understands related ideas organized into categories
- Summarizes longer narrative texts with multiple episodes either orally or in writing
- Follows and remembers events and the problem in the story over a longer text to understand the ending

Maintaining Fluency

- Demonstrates phrased, fluent oral reading with appropriate stress on words
- Demonstrates awareness of the function of punctuation and reads dialogue with expression
- Uses multiple sources of information (language structure, meaning and fast word recognition) to support fluency and phrasing

Thinking Beyond the Text

Predicting

- Makes a wide range of predictions based on prior knowledge, content and text knowledge
- Searches for and uses information to confirm or disconfirm predictions
- Justifies predictions using evidence
- Changes predictions as new information is gathered from reading

Making Connections

- Uses background knowledge to understand text before, during and after reading
- Makes connections between the text and other texts read
- Makes connections between real life experiences and people who live in diverse cultures
- Uses knowledge from one text to help understand reading in new texts
- Specifies the nature of connections topic, content, writer and genre

Synthesizing

- Demonstrates learning new content from reading
- Mentally forms categories of related information and revises when new information is read
- Expresses changes in ideas or opinions after reading and can justify their ideas
- Demonstrates changing perspectives as events in a story unfold

Inferring

- Infers causes and effects by reading about characters and following their dialogues and events
- Demonstrates understanding of multiple characters and complex plots using evidence from the text
- Speculates on alternative meanings that the text might have
- Infers causes of problems or outcomes in fiction and nonfiction

- Notices combined genres in hybrid texts
- Notices aspects of a writer's style after reading several books by the same author
- Notices use of descriptive language, dialogue and layout
- Agrees or disagrees with ideas in the text