

# Language Arts

## Grades 3-5

### Reading

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1. Comprehend and interpret a variety of reading materials by employing appropriate reading strategies.
  - Self-questioning
  - Rereading
  - Using context clues
  - Adjusting speed
  - Accessing prior knowledge and experiences
  - Preview and predict
  - Demonstrate vocabulary growth developed through reading and listening to literature
2. Demonstrate a competence in applying the reading process to specific types of literary and informational texts.
  - Identify main idea
  - Draw conclusions
  - Determine cause and effect
  - Distinguish fact from opinion
  - Summarizing passages
  - Identifying author's purpose
3. Express and indicate the effectiveness of one's own reading comprehension by working independently.
4. Evaluate all genre of literature for historical, moral, and multicultural significance.
  - Fiction
  - Nonfiction
  - Poetry
  - Prose
  - Drama

### Writing

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5. Demonstrate the ability to use the writing process for varied purposes (essays, narratives, descriptions,...)
  - Prewriting (topic, purpose, audience, brainstorm, discuss, web or outline)
6. Select appropriate resource materials and be able to paraphrase, quote, and summarize these ideas in order to write clear, organized, documented research essays.
  - Dictionaries
  - Thesauruses
  - Encyclopedias
  - Maps and globes
  - Charts
  - Electronic media
  - Newspapers
  - Telephone directories

7. Demonstrate appropriate use of grammatical and mechanical conventions in writing.
- Capitalization
  - Punctuation
  - Subject-verb agreement
  - Appropriate verb tenses
  - Forms of adjectives and adverbs
  - Forms of nouns and verbs
  - Pronoun case
  - Parts of speech
  - Special problems (double negatives, ...)
  - Spelling correctly in final written products
  - Writing legibly in cursive

## **Listening and Speaking**

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8. Produce formal presentations demonstrating confidence, organization, and clarity.
- Voice modulation
  - Eye contact with audience
  - Articulation
  - Focus
  - Knowledge of material
  - Use of correct sentence construction
  - Recognize redundancy, fragments, run-ons, ...
9. Participates in class discussions by asking and answering questions and presenting relevant information
- Confident to take risks
10. Responds critically to arguments by expressing thoughts, opinions, and ideas in a constructive manner.
- Honest through positive reinforcement
11. Listens effectively and critically in order to interpret a variety of oral information.
12. Gives clear directions using proper sequence.

## **Technology**

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13. Uses technology for a variety of research and communication purposes.
- Use computers for expression
  - Word processing
  - Multimedia presentations
  - Research
  - Internet
  - Grade appropriate software – ex., Encarta

## **Vocabulary**

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14. Demonstrates the ability to use precise vocabulary to enhance writing and speaking skills.

- Apply
- Continue to recognize and recall
- New vocabulary learned

## **Study Skills**

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15. Demonstrates mastery of effective study skills.

- Time management
- Organization and neatness