

First Grade Minimum Reading Competencies

Phonemic Awareness

- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds, including blends
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds
- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words

Concepts of Print

- Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence

Phonics

- Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs
- Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word
- Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking words into syllables
- Know fine –e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds
- Read words with inflectional endings
- Use onsets and rimes to create new words (ip to make dip, lip, slip, ship)
- Accurately decode unknown words that follow a predictable letter/sound relationship

Reading Fluency

- Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words
- Read a minimum of 23 words per minute in the winter with fluency; read a minimum of 53 words per minute in the spring with fluency

Vocabulary Development

- Use sentence level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase
- Identify and understand compound words

Oral Language

- Use sentence level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase
- Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation

Reading Comprehension

- Answer questions about key details in a text
- Make predictions about what will happen in the text and explain whether they were confirmed or not and why, providing evidence from the text
- Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information
- Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text
- Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
- Know and use various text features to locate key factors or information in a text
- Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
- Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories
- Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic