

GRADE 4

READING

Guiding Principle: Students transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” Students develop and apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts. They read a wide range of literature in several genres from a variety of time periods and cultures from around the world to build an understanding of the many dimensions (e.g., philosophical, ethical, aesthetic) of human experience. They draw on their prior experience, their interactions with other readers and writers, their knowledge of word meaning and of other texts, their word identification strategies, and their understanding of textual features (e.g., sound-letter correspondence, sentence structure, context, graphics).ⁱ

READING: Foundations

There are four key areas found in the Reading: Foundations section for grades K-5: Print Concepts, Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Fluency. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Reading: Foundations.

Learning Outcome

- 4.RF.1** Apply foundational reading skills to demonstrate reading fluency and comprehension.

Print Concepts

- 4.RF.2.1** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.2.2** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.2.3** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.2.4** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*

Phonological Awareness

- 4.RF.3.1** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.3.2** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.3.3** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.3.4** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.3.5** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*

Phonics

- 4.RF.4.1** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.4.2** Use the six major syllable patterns (CVC, CVr, V, VV, VCe, Cle) to read unknown words.
- 4.RF.4.3** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.4.4** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.4.5** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*
- 4.RF.4.6** Use knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., *roots and affixes*) to read accurately unfamiliar multi-syllabic words in context.

Fluency

- 4.RF.5** Orally read grade-level appropriate or higher texts smoothly and accurately, with expression that connotes comprehension at the independent level.

READING: Literature

There are three key areas found in the Reading: Literature section for grades K-5: Key Ideas and Textual Support, Structural Elements and Organization, and Connection of Ideas. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Reading: Literature.

Learning Outcome

- 4.RL.1** Read and comprehend a variety of literature within a range of complexity appropriate for grades 4-5. By the end of grade 4, students interact with texts proficiently and independently at the low end of the range and with scaffolding as needed at the high end.

Key Ideas and Textual Support

- 4.RL.2.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what a text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- 4.RL.2.2** Paraphrase or retell the main events in a story, myth, legend, or novel; identify the theme and provide evidence for the interpretation.
- 4.RL.2.3** Describe a character, setting, or event in a story or play, drawing on specific details in the text, and how that impacts the plot.

4.RL.2.4 *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*

Structural Elements and Organization

- 4.RL.3.1** Explain major differences between poems, plays, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems and drama.
- 4.RL.3.2** Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.

Synthesis and Connection of Ideas

- 4.RL.4.1** Describe how visual and multimedia presentations and representations can enhance the meaning of a text.
- 4.RL.4.2** Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics and patterns of events in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.

READING: Nonfiction

There are three key areas found in the Reading: Nonfiction section for grades K-5: Key Ideas and Textual Support, Features and Structure, and Connection of Ideas. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Reading: Nonfiction.

Learning Outcome

- 4.RN.1** Read and comprehend a variety of nonfiction within a range of complexity appropriate for grades 4-5. By the end of grade 4, students interact with texts proficiently and independently at the low end of the range and with scaffolding as needed at the high end.

Key Ideas and Textual Support

- 4.RN.2.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what a text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- 4.RN.2.2** Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
- 4.RN.2.3** Explain the relationships between events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, based on specific information in the text.

Structural Elements and Organization

- 4.RN.3.1** Apply knowledge of text features to locate information and gain meaning from a text (e.g., *charts, tables, graphs, headings, subheadings, font/format*).
- 4.RN.3.2** Describe the organizational structure (e.g., *chronological, problem-solution, comparison/contrast, procedural, cause/effect, sequential, description*) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- 4.RN.3.3** Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided in the accounts.

Synthesis and Connection of Ideas

- 4.RN.4.1** Distinguish between fact and opinion; explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support a statement or position (claim) in a text.
- 4.RN.4.2** Combine information from two texts on the same topic in order to demonstrate knowledge about the subject.
- 4.RN.4.3** *Standard begins at sixth grade.*

READING: Vocabulary

There are two key areas found in the Reading: Vocabulary section for grades K-5: Vocabulary Building and Vocabulary in Literature and Nonfiction Texts. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Reading: Vocabulary.

Learning Outcome

- 4.RV.1** Build and use accurately general academic and content-specific words and phrases.

Vocabulary Building

- 4.RV.2.1** Apply context clues (e.g., *word, phrase, sentence, and paragraph clues*) and text features (e.g., *charts, headings/subheadings, font/format*) to determine the meanings of unknown words.

- 4.RV.2.2** Identify relationships among words, including more complex homographs, homonyms, synonyms, antonyms, and multiple meanings.

- 4.RV.2.3** *Standard begins at sixth grade.*

- 4.RV.2.4** Apply knowledge of word structure elements (e.g., *suffixes, prefixes, common Greek and Latin affixes and roots*), known words, and word patterns to determine meaning.

- 4.RV.2.5** Consult reference materials, both print and digital (e.g., *dictionary*), to find the pronunciation and clarify the precise meanings of words and phrases.

Vocabulary in Literature and Nonfiction Texts

- 4.RV.3.1** Determine how words and phrases provide meaning to works of literature, including figurative language (e.g., *similes, metaphors, or hyperbole*).

- 4.RV.3.2** Determine the meanings of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in a nonfiction text relevant to a fourth grade topic or subject area.

- 4.RV.3.3** Explain the meanings of proverbs, adages, and idioms in context.

WRITING

Guiding Principle: Students develop and employ a wide range of strategies as they write and use different writing process elements appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes. Students experiment with different modes of writing to develop their craft and hone their skills as writers. Students conduct simple research on issues and interests by generating ideas and questions, and by posing problems. They gather, evaluate, and synthesize information and data from a variety of sources to communicate their discoveries in ways that suit their purpose and audience.ⁱⁱ

WRITING

There are five key areas found in the Writing section for grades K-5: Handwriting, Writing Genres, the Writing Process, the Research Process, and Conventions of Standard English. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Writing.

Learning Outcome

- 4.W.1** Write routinely over a variety of time frames and for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences; apply reading standards to support reflection and response to literature and nonfiction texts.

Handwriting

- 4.W.2.1** Write legibly in print or cursive, forming letters and words that can be read by others.

- 4.W.2.2** *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying concepts learned previously.*

Writing Genres: Argumentative, Informative, and Narrative

- 4.W.3.1** Write persuasive compositions in a variety of forms that –
- In an introductory statement, clearly state an opinion to a particular audience.
 - Support the opinion with facts and details from various sources, including texts.
 - Use an organizational structure to group related ideas that support the purpose.
 - Connect opinion and reasons using words and phrases.
 - Provide a concluding statement or section related to the position presented.
- 4.W.3.2** Write informative compositions on a variety of topics that –
- Provide an introductory paragraph with a clear main idea.
 - Provide supporting paragraphs with topic and summary sentences.
 - Provide facts, specific details, and examples from various sources and texts to support ideas and extend explanations.
 - Connect ideas using words and phrases.
 - Include text features (e.g., *formatting, pictures, graphics*) and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
 - Use language and vocabulary appropriate for audience and topic.
 - Provide a concluding statement or section.

- 4.W.3.3** Write narrative compositions in a variety of forms that –
- Establish an introduction, with a context to allow the reader to imagine the world of the event or experience.
 - Organize events that unfold naturally, using meaningful paragraphing and transitional words and phrases.
 - Use dialogue and descriptive details to develop events and reveal characters’ personalities, feelings, and responses to situations.
 - Employ vocabulary with sufficient sensory (sight, sound, smell, touch, taste) details to give clear pictures of ideas and events.
 - Provide an ending that follows the narrated experiences or events.

The Writing Process

- 4.W.4** Apply the writing process to –
- Generate a draft by developing, selecting and organizing ideas relevant to topic, purpose, and genre; revise to improve writing, using appropriate reference materials (e.g., *quality of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice*); edit writing for format and conventions (e.g., *spelling, capitalization, usage, punctuation*).
 - Use technology to interact and collaborate with others to publish legible documents.

The Research Process: Finding, Assessing, Synthesizing, and Reporting Information

- 4.W.5** Conduct short research on a topic.
- Identify a specific question to address (e.g., *What is the history of the Indy 500?*).
 - Use organizational features of print and digital sources to efficiently to locate further information.
 - Determine the reliability of the sources.
 - Summarize and organize information in their own words, giving credit to the source.
 - Present the research information, choosing from a variety of formats.

Conventions of Standard English: Grammar and Usage / Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling

- 4.W.6.1** Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage, focusing on:
- 4.W.6.1a** **Nouns/Pronouns** – Writing sentences that include relative pronouns (e.g., *who, which*) and reflexive pronouns (e.g., *myself, ourselves*) and explaining their functions in the sentence.
- 4.W.6.1b** **Verbs** –
- Writing sentences that use the progressive verb tenses.
 - Recognizing and correcting inappropriate shifts in verb tense.
 - Using modal auxiliaries (e.g., *can, may, must*).
- 4.W.6.1c** **Adjectives/ Adverbs** – Writing sentences using relative adverbs (e.g., *where, when*) and explaining their functions in the sentence.
- 4.W.6.1d** **Prepositions** – Writing sentences that include prepositions, explaining their functions in the sentence.
- 4.W.6.1e** **Usage** – Writing correctly complete simple, compound, and complex declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences, using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions (e.g., *yet, nor, so*).
- 4.W.6.2** Demonstrate command of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, focusing on:
- 4.W.6.2a** **Capitalization** – Capitalizing names of magazines, newspapers, works of art, musical compositions, organizations, and the first word in quotations, when appropriate.
- 4.W.6.2b** **Punctuation** –
- Correctly using apostrophes to form possessives and contractions.
 - Correctly using quotation marks and commas to mark direct speech.
 - Using a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
- 4.W.6.2c** **Spelling** – Using spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., *word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts, homophones/homographs*) in writing single and multi-syllable words.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Guiding Principle: *Students listen actively and communicate effectively for a variety of purposes, including for learning, enjoyment, persuasion, and the exchange of information and ideas. Students adjust their use of language to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences and for different purposes. Students develop an understanding of and respect for diversity in language use, patterns, and dialects.ⁱⁱⁱ*

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

There are five key areas found in the Speaking and Listening section for grades K-5: Discussion and Collaboration, Comprehension, and Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas. By demonstrating the skills listed in each section, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Speaking and Listening.

Learning Outcome

- 4.SL.1** Listen actively and adjust the use of spoken language (e.g., *conventions, style, vocabulary*) to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences and for different purposes.

Discussion and Collaboration

- 4.SL.2.1** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) on grade-appropriate topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing personal ideas clearly.
- 4.SL.2.2** Explore ideas under discussion by drawing on readings and other information.
- 4.SL.2.3** Demonstrate knowledge and use of agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- 4.SL.2.4** Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.
- 4.SL.2.5** Review the key ideas expressed and explain personal ideas in reference to the discussion.

Comprehension

- 4.SL.3.1** Summarize major ideas and supportive evidence from text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- 4.SL.3.2** Identify and use evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

- 4.SL.4.1** Using appropriate language, report on a topic or text or provide a narrative in an organized manner, with effective introductions and conclusions, using appropriate structure, appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly and concisely at an understandable pace.
- 4.SL.4.2** Create oral presentations that maintain a clear focus, using multimedia to enhance the development of main ideas and themes that engage the audience.

4.SL.4.3 *Students are expected to build upon and continue applying conventions learned previously.*

MEDIA LITERACY

Guiding Principle: *Students develop critical thinking about the messages received and created by media. Students recognize that media are a part of culture and function as agents of socialization and develop understanding that people use individual skills, beliefs, and experiences to construct their own meanings from media messages. Students develop media literacy skills in order to become more informed, reflective, and engaged participants in society.^{iv}*

MEDIA LITERACY

By demonstrating the skills listed in Media Literacy, students should be able to meet the Learning Outcome for Media Literacy.

Learning Outcome

- 4.ML.1** Identify how information found in electronic, print, and mass media is used to inform, persuade, entertain, and transmit culture.

Media Literacy

- 4.ML.2.1** Recognize claims in print, image, and multimedia and identify evidence used to support these claims.

- 4.ML.2.2** *Standard begins in fifth grade.*

ⁱ Adapted from Standards for the English Language. National Council of Teachers of English and International Reading Association, 1996. Available at <http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Resources/Books/Sample/StandardsDoc.pdf>.

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