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Reading Benchmarks

The following benchmarks offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. *Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

Decode
Reads grade level text accurately with fluency and expression
Uses a variety of strategies to decode words
Recognizes common prefixes, suffixes and roots out of context
Applies knowledge of prefixes, suffixes and roots to decode unfamiliar words in context
Self-Monitor for Meaning
Paraphrases key points verbally to check for understanding
Records key information from text
Make Connections
Connects reading to personal experiences
Makes connections within and between texts
Uses prior knowledge to help understand new information
Explores text through visual art projects
Determine Meaning

Uses text features such as bold text, headings, glossary, tables, and indices to gain understanding
Builds vocabulary
Identifies main idea in a variety of texts
Identifies explicit information
Forms opinions about texts and defends them
Makes inferences
Makes predictions about underlying or implicit meanings
Gains relevant information from maps, illustrations and diagrams
Analyze Concepts
Identifies genre traits
Communicates how thinking changes during reading as plot, character, setting, and theme are developed
Compares literary elements such as plot, character, setting, and narrative voice
Identifies literary devices such as rhyme schemes and metaphors
Determines the theme of a text
Integrates information from multiple texts to deepen understanding and generate new ideas
Understands cause and effect in a variety of types of writing
Extrapolates information from text to gain insight
Organizes information from a variety of sources to investigate a topic
Evaluate Text

Separates fact from opinion
Evaluates conflicting information for credibility and accuracy
Compares and contrasts
Draws conclusions and defends them
Reviews books for peers
Makes and checks predictions
Evaluates the relevance of specific information to answer a question or complete a project