

FIRST GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS AND COURSE OF STUDY

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<p>AUDITORY SKILLS</p> <p>ATTENTION & DISCRIMINATION</p> <p><u>Master Auditory Sub-skills in Attention and Discrimination:</u> Loud / soft sounds High / low sounds Beginning (onset) sounds Medial Vowel sounds Ending consonant cluster sounds Riming sounds (vowels ending consonants) 42 elementary English sounds (phonemes) in isolation Recognize 42 sounds in words Distinguish 42 phonemes in syllables and words for oral encoding Recognize open syllable sounds Recognize closed syllable sounds</p> <p>AUDITORY MEMORY</p> <p>Recall 42 phonemes represented by 118 graphemes Recall sounds in sequence Recall words in spoken poetry and nursery rhymes Recall melodies and words from songs</p> <p>AUDITORY IMAGERY</p> <p>Recall phonemes related to mental images of the form and shape of corresponding letters (graphemes) Connect spoken sentences with mental images of meaning Connect spoken words with mental images related to meaning</p>	<p>ORTHOGRAPHY</p> <p>LISTENING, LETTERS, PHONETICS</p> <p>SPELLING</p> <p><u>Master Letter Formation & Phonetics</u> Listen to 42 spoken phonemes and write 71 associated graphemes (phonograms) by dictation Form 26 letters of the alphabet Write 71 English graphemes (correct spelling patterns) Adhere to margin lines Top Base line Base line Two dotted middle lines 2, 10, 8, and 4 on a clock face Space between individual letters Practice for spacing between words in a sentence Use sequencing for letter formation Recognize and use: Vowels / Consonants 2, 3, 4-letter spelling patterns Diphthongs / Digraphs Schwa vowel sounds vs. correct spelling Silent letters 118 spelling patterns to write K-3 vocabulary Written letters to represent speech sounds for thoughts Phonemes and graphemes for encoding, recoding, and decoding 850 words Phonemes & graphemes to spell, sound, and read 6 spelling words per day (30 per week / 850 per year) to achieve automaticity</p>	<p>SPEAKING-SPEECH-VOCABULARY</p> <p><u>Master Speaking to:</u> Say 71 common phonograms Sequence and pronounce 42 sounds in explicit (in isolation) phonics instruction dictation Sequence and pronounce 42 sounds in spelling dictation Respond to Socratic instruction saying phonemes & graphemes to encode: 1-3 syllable words w/71 phonograms Articulate rules of spelling, plurals, and syllabication Recode (chorally) dictate words by phoneme by grapheme Pronounce schwa vowels as well as think to spell correct spelling sounds Pronounce words in isolation Speak to read original sentences to class Use various voice inflections Use rhythm Use accented syllables Be able to pronounce and use 4,000 to 24,000 words in sentences Use accurate pronunciation in oral reading Practice oral spelling with sounds only</p> <p><u>Practice Speech Skills:</u> Speak, individually, in front of class in full sentences with correct grammar and syntax Answer questions in full sentences Give oral responses to questions Give oral directions Dramatize (tell) stories and plays</p>	<p>SYNTAX - COMPOSITION</p> <p><u>Master Syntax and Composition Skills:</u> Write imaginatively from provocative pictures Write from ideas advanced by others Write original simple sentences using spelling / vocabulary words Learn the definition of a simple sentence Write sentences from dictated sentences which can be spelled correctly Write 3-4 sentence paragraphs: with topic sentence with 2 - 3 sentences about topic sentence Define, write, punctuate, and capitalize four kinds of sentences: Declarative Interrogative Imperative Exclamatory Classify four types of sentences: Subject - Intransitive Verb Subject - Transitive Verb - Object Subject - Linking Verb - Pred. Norm. Subject - Linking Verb - Pred. Adj. Recognize types of sentences in literature or other course work</p> <p><u>Practice capitalization in composition</u> First word in sentence Names, initials, and titles Days of the week Months of the year Geographical names Names referring to Deity Names of holidays</p>	<p>READING</p> <p><u>Master Phonetics-Decoding</u> Recode (read) 71 phoneme/grapheme relationships in dictated spelling lessons (<i>English spelling patterns</i>) Recognize and read letter names Read and comprehend 850 spelling words Read original sentences using spelling words (first in-context, decodable text) Blend and read spelling words in isolation with phonetics and rules Sound, read, and comprehend six spelling words per day Read classmates' written sentences Read open and closed syllables in words Read consonant clusters which are 2 or more elementary sounds Understand the alphabetic principle - that written or printed letters represent speech sounds Understand that words must be decoded / encoded accurately to permit the fluency required for comprehension</p> <p>LITERATURE / COMPREHENSION</p> <p>Beginning in the 10th week, read from books for knowledge and entertainment Attain fluency with printed words to free the mind for comprehension</p>

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<p>Accent</p> <p>Pronounce and use 4,000 - 24,000 words in sentences [beginning comprehensible vocabulary]</p> <p>Pronounce, in isolation, 42 elementary English sounds</p> <p>Use accurate pronunciation in oral reading</p> <p>Apply phonemes in words for oral encoding</p> <p>Use precise articulation of 42 elementary sounds</p> <p>Use various voice tones and rhythm</p> <p>Participate in choral readings</p> <p>Follow multiple oral instructions</p> <p>Use accented syllables</p>	<p><u>Practice Orthography Rules:</u></p> <p>Final y is changed to i if suffix does not begin with i</p> <p>Double final consonant before vowel suffix in a closed one-syllable word</p> <p>Double final consonant before vowel suffix in two-syllable word if accent is on last syllable except when suffix throws accent to first syllable</p> <p>Add past tense ending suffix e-d to words with various endings</p> <p>Silent e is dropped for most vowel suffixes</p> <p>Silent e is usually kept for consonant suffixes</p> <p>Use ei after c, if we say long a, and in some exceptions</p> <p>t-i, s-i, c-i used at beginning of a syllable after first one</p> <p>s-i says sh when previous syllable ends in s</p> <p>s-i can say zh with suffixes</p> <p><u>Practice Syllable Rules</u></p> <p>Divide between two vowels when sounded separately (di et)</p> <p>Vowels sounded alone form their own syllable (dis o bey)</p> <p>When a word ends in a consonant and le, divide before that syllable if it is sounded separately (ca ble)</p> <p><u>Practice Apostrophe Rules:</u></p> <p>An apostrophe takes the place of missing letters in a contraction</p> <p>An apostrophe shows ownership in singular or plural nouns</p> <p>An apostrophe is not used in possessive pronouns</p> <p><u>Master Daily Spelling Tests</u></p> <p>Take 30-word test daily, adding six new words and dropping six oldest</p> <p>Take normed spelling pattern diagnostic test once a month</p>		<p>Gather Information</p> <p>Find ideas about subject</p> <p>Sort ideas into groups</p> <p>Be observant of surroundings</p> <p>Draft - Put ideas on paper</p> <p>Revise</p> <p>Rearrange ideas</p> <p>Revise and refine ideas</p> <p>Conference with teacher</p> <p>Conference with peers</p> <p>Offer constructive suggestions in writing and revising</p> <p>Proofread</p> <p>Use proofreader marks</p> <p>Conference with teacher</p> <p>Conference with peers</p> <p>Correct spelling errors</p> <p>Correct errors in syntax</p> <p>Correct errors in capitalization</p> <p>Final copy</p> <p>Illustrate</p> <p>Neat final copy with correct letter formations, margins, and spacing</p> <p>Writing projects</p> <p>Sentences</p> <p>Topic Sentences</p> <p>Paragraphs</p> <p>Book Reports</p> <p>Friendly Letters</p> <p>Address Envelopes</p> <p>Autobiographies</p> <p>Use in composition:</p> <p>Homonyms</p> <p>Homographs</p> <p>Homophones</p> <p>Introduce <u>Composition of Poetry:</u></p> <p>Basic knowledge of definitions and structure</p> <p>Rhyming Verse</p> <p>Begin writing poetry</p>	