

READING LEVEL 3

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Use word structure, sentence structure, and prediction to aid in decoding words and understanding the meanings of words encountered in text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decode and understand words found in a simplified newspaper. • Identify and correctly read homonyms and synonyms within a text. • Read and comprehend a short passage with new vocabulary and structures. 			
Use structural, semantic, and syntactic cues to recognize and decode words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the rules for syllabication to decode words. • Complete a vocabulary quiz. • Play word games like Boggle and Scrabble. • Play a match game identifying the correct meaning of multi-meaning words from a reading selection. • Identify base/root words. 			
Automatically recognize frequently encountered words with increasing fluency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read timed passages. • Read orally and silently 			
Know the meanings of frequently encountered words in grade level reading and oral language contexts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play match game with vocabulary words and meanings. • Choose correct meaning in a multiple-choice exercise. • Use new vocabulary words in sentences. 			
Acquire and apply strategies to construct meaning, self-monitor, and identify unknown words or word parts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the meaning of words and phrases in context. • Self monitor and correct a narrative text. • Use a thesaurus. 			
Increase reading fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a timed reading test. • Engage actively in reading a variety of genre. • Analyze characters' thoughts and motivation through dialogue. • Read a selection from a play aloud with meaningful expression. 			
Read a variety of narrative genres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and describe the difference between two selections. • Explain how authors use literary devices, such as metaphors and similes. • Read poetry, myths, fantasy & adventure. • Retell and summarize narrative text. 			

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Explain how authors enhance understanding of supporting and key ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the use of appendices, headings and subheadings, marginal notes, keys and legends, and figures and bibliographies. 			
Do independent reading and writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a reading log. • Keep a reading journal describing personal reactions to each piece read. • Journal with a partner. • Read three selections a month from a variety of genres. 			
Analyze how characters and communities reflect life in classic and contemporary literature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare and contrast two literary pieces. • Describe three ways life is reflected through a character. • Relate the character and community to your own life. 			
Develop critical thinking skills to assess written text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn components of critical thinking skills. • Use critical thinking skills to answer questions about a newspaper article, a poem, a short story, etc. 			

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