## **Kindergarten Reading Newsletter**

Marking Period 1, Part 1

MT	Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT) Students will be able to		
Foundational Skills	<ul> <li>demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, letter names, and sounds.</li> <li>pronounce and identify one syllable words.</li> <li>demonstrate understanding of basic features of print: recognize all upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet; follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page; understand that words are separated by spaces in print; recognize that spoken words can be written.</li> <li>begin to apply grade level phonics and the decoding of words in reading.</li> </ul>		
Text Reading Comprehension	<ul> <li>demonstrate reading comprehension by sharing what has been read through discussions and connections to prior knowledge.</li> <li>identify story elements: characters, setting, and major events in literary texts.</li> <li>retell the beginning, middle, and end of literary texts.</li> <li>ask and answer questions about literary texts and unknown words.</li> </ul>		

Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS)					
	<u>lt is</u>	In reading, students will			
Analysis	breaking down a whole into parts that may not be immediately obvious and examining the parts so that the structure of the whole is understood.	<ul> <li>identify, describe, sort, and classify characteristics of letters, sounds, and words.</li> <li>identify similarities and differences between characters, settings, and major events.</li> <li>develop an understanding of stories by verbally conveying thoughts, questions, and ideas.</li> </ul>			
Collaboration	working effectively and respectfully to reach a group goal.	<ul> <li>demonstrate active listening and respectful communication with group members during guided reading instruction and classroom activities.</li> <li>participate in group discussions and respect different views to deepen understanding of stories read.</li> <li>demonstrate teamwork by working with others during guided reading instruction and classroom activities.</li> </ul>			

Kindergarten learning goals are ongoing throughout the entire year and repeat with increased complexity.

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	Learning Experiences by Measurement Topic (MT)				
MT	In school, your child will	At home, your child can			
Foundational Skills	<ul> <li>participate in letter, sound, and word identification activities (singing songs, acting out finger plays, using a variety of materials to represent letters of the alphabet, sorting upper and lowercase letters).</li> <li>practice upper and lowercase letter formation while working with words.</li> <li>sort words or pictures based on beginning and ending sounds.</li> <li>participate in whole group read aloud and small group guided reading instruction to practice identifying features of print, the decoding of words, reading fluency, and reading strategies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>listen to and/or read books every night.</li> <li>create letter formations using materials found at home such as yarn, pipe cleaners, pasta, cereal, etc.</li> <li>make word lists using word families (cat, sat, rat).</li> <li>locate environmental signs and say their beginning and ending sounds (S and P on a stop sign).</li> <li><b>Site Constraints</b></li> <li>discuss and identify features of print while reading at home.</li> </ul>			
Text Reading Comprehension	<ul> <li>participate in large and small groups to read, discuss, and comprehend literary texts.</li> <li>connect familiar stories to real life experiences.</li> <li>identify characters, settings, and major events in multiple stories.</li> <li>Characters Setting Major Events</li> <li>Characters I Setting Major Events</li> <li>retell familiar stories.</li> <li>ask and answer questions about a story and unknown words.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>discuss books read at home and school.</li> <li>make connections to stories that relate to life experiences.</li> <li>retell stories and answer questions about the text.</li> <li>use these websites to support learning: www.starfall.com www.abcya.com www.turtlediary.com</li> </ul>			