

Parent Guide: Reading and Literature

	Beginning	Progressing	Meeting	Exceeding
Rhyming	Recognizes rhymes with teacher support	Recognizes rhymes	Generates own rhyme	Generates a list of rhyming words independently
Upper and Lowercase Letters	Recognizes some letters	Recognizes most letters	Recognizes all letters	NA
Letter Sounds	Recognizes and identifies some letter sounds	Recognizes and identifies most letter sounds	Recognizes and identifies all letter sounds	Recognizes, identifies all letter sounds & digraphs
Phonics	Beginning to use letter sound relationships and blend sounds with teacher assistance	Blends sounds to makes words and uses letter sound association to decode words some of the time	Applies appropriate phonics skills by decoding words phonetically and accurately most of the time	Consistently uses multiple phonics strategies to read new words
Reading Engagement	Sustains buddy/independent reading of text for a short period of time with much encouragement	Sustains independent reading of text with moderate encouragement	Sustains independent reading of text for the allotted time	Consistently chooses and sustains independent reading of text
Fluency (Spring Only)	Reads mostly word by word with no expression	Reads in short phrases most of the time with little expression and/or inappropriate pauses	Reads in longer phrases with some expression using punctuation appropriately	Reads fluently and accurately using appropriate tone and expression
Comprehension (Spring Only)	Retells some of the story with multiple teacher prompts	Retells a story with some details from the beginning, middle and end with some teacher prompts	Independently retells a story in sequence including a beginning, middle and end with supporting details	Consistently retells a story in sequence including a beginning, middle and end using details and important language from the text

Speaking and Listening

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Contributes to class/group discussion	Contributes to discussions with teacher assistance	Contributes to discussions some of the time	Contributes to discussions frequently	Assess prior knowledge to express thoughts and makes appropriate connections to topic
Expresses Ideas Clearly	Organizes and expresses ideas with teacher assistance	Organizes and expresses ideas some of the time	Clearly organizes and expresses ideas	Assesses prior knowledge to express thoughts and makes appropriate connections to topic