

# Reading Skills Guide

\*Approximate Learning Benchmarks



3rd	Reads at 114 words per minute		Builds vocabulary through daily reading		Knows fact/opinion and explains cause/effect		Identifies confusing passages/ words and asks clarifying questions	
	Reads words with one and two syllables		Attempts larger words using phonics knowledge		Continues to read with increasing speed		Uses context clues to decode new words	
2nd	Knows words have a correct spelling		Identifies syllables in words		Blends sounds into words		Changes sounds by adding, deleting, or substituting phonemes	
	Creates meaning while reading		Rereads decoded words to master texts		Knows words have antonyms and synonyms		Follows simple written instructions	
1st	Reads one-syllable "CVC" words		Names all upper and lowercase letters		Knows sounds of most letters		Identifies words with same beginning sounds	
	Sight reads high-frequency words		Uses new vocabulary in speech		Makes predictions about stories		Answers questions about stories read aloud	
K	Knows parts of books (index, chapters etc.)		Learns the alphabet song		Names ten letters of the alphabet		Knows that words are made of sounds	
	Fluency		Uses new words and creates longer sentences		Answers open-ended questions about stories such as Why? How? What?			
PreK	Understands that text is read from left to right and top to bottom		Notices letters in own name		Pays attention to sounds in words		Hears the rhythm of language	
	Learns words for objects in the environment		Relates personal experience to stories read aloud					
3-4s	Print concepts		Alphabetic system: phonemic awareness / phonics				Vocabulary	
	Comprehension							
2's	Storybooks		Language Rich Environment				Conversation	

Language Rich Environment