



Language Arts Outcomes: Grade 1

1. Students will become independent readers and critical thinkers.

Students will

- Predict outcomes;
- Summarize stories;
- Recall details;
- Extract main ideas;
- Analyze characters' feelings and motives;
- Explain cause and effect.

2. Students will acquire knowledge of all genres and experience a wide selection of literature.

Students will

- Hear and see a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction;
- Memorize poetry and rhymes.

3. Students will develop higher level thinking skills through the application of a variety of reading strategies.

Students will

- Decode words through context and picture clues;
- Relate elements of the story to their own lives;
- Predict endings, explain actions and question motives of characters.

4. Students will become effective oral and written communicators.

Students will

- Orally paraphrase a story;
- Read with expression and emphasis;
- Express reactions to a story;
- Keep writing journals;
- Dictate stories and experiences;
- Publish their writing;
- Use inventive spelling until correct forms are learned.

5. Students will demonstrate knowledge of correct grammar, mechanics and usage of the English language.

Students will

- Speak and write in complete sentences;
- Write a story with beginning, middle and end;
- Write a rough draft and edit it;
- Practice correct manuscript printing;
- Form plurals and apply endings to root words;
- Correctly use capital letters;
- Use periods, commas, question marks and exclamation points.

6. Students will become familiar with a variety of resource materials.

Students will

- Find correct spelling words in *Words I Use When I Write*;
- Add new words to *Words I Use When I Write*;
- Find words on posters, signs, bulletin boards and chalkboards;
- Identify words listed in alphabetical order;
- Use the school library.