



## Language Arts Outcomes: Kindergarten

### 1. Students will become independent readers and critical thinkers.

Students will

- Tell about books and answer questions;
- Recognize meaning in the written language around them;
- Recognize and name both uppercase and lowercase letters;
- Demonstrate a phonemic awareness;
- Communicate in writing.

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

Students will

- Appreciate their print-rich environments;
- Listen attentively to several different types of children's literature;
- Be exposed to authors and illustrators of award-winning children's literature;
- Create class books, which imitate literature from different genres.

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

Students will

- Identify the beginning, middle and end of stories;
- Make predictions;
- Distinguish between reality and fantasy;
- Understand that stories have characters;
- Comprehend and retell a story.

### 4. Students will become effective oral and written communicators.

Students will

- Keep written journals;
- Dictate stories and experiences;
- Take ownership of their work;
- Share their work and experiences in a large group.

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

Students will

- Speak in complete sentences;
- Use specific vocabulary, such as names, pronouns and possessives;
- Converse with peers and adults;
- Demonstrate conversational skills such as taking turns, staying on a topic, and not interrupting.

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

Students will

- Listen to books on tape;
- Use computer software;
- Use picture dictionaries;
- Use the library.