## Oneness-Family School - First through Third Grade - Language Benchmarks Overview

Academy: Reading and Writing, Grammar and Language Studies

First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	
Reading Acquisition & Comprehension	Reading Acquisition & Comprehension	Reading Acquisition & Comprehension	
Demonstrates phonological awareness Identifies single consonant sounds & letters Identifies single vowel sounds and letters Decodes single-syllable words Decodes vowel combinations Decodes multi-syllable words Demonstrates reading fluency and accuracy Begins to understand the main idea	Utilizes phonological awareness skills in reading and writing  Decodes multi-syllable words  Demonstrates reading fluency & accuracy  Understands the main idea  Follows written directions  Uses context clues to locate answers	Demonstrates full phonological awareness in reading and writing Fluidly decodes multi-syllable words Demonstrates mastery of reading with fluency and accuracy Demonstrates consistent understanding of the main idea Follows almost all written directions independently Independently uses context clues to find answer	
Composition	Composition	Composition	
Constructs simple sentences properly	Constructs sentences properly	Consistently writes complete, complex sentences	
Differentiates between declarative, exclamatory, interrogative and imperative sentences  Writes simple poems  Identifies the different types of poems studied Writes examples of different poems studied	Demonstrates the writing process  Uses imagination / expression in writing Writes an organized paragraph Understands simple poems  Understands and writes descriptive poetry	Consistently constructs sentences properly  Demonstrates understanding of writing process  Uses imagination and expression in writing in a variety of contexts  Writes an organized & well-structured paragraph	

Writes a five-line poem	Writes a ten-line poem	Understands poetry of varying complexity
Recognizes rhyming poetry	Identifies different types of poems studied Writes examples of the different poems studied Demonstrates keyboarding skills	Understands and writes descriptive poetry in a variety of forms
		Identifies the different types of poems studied and their respective structures
		Writes fully-formed examples of the different poems studied
		Writes a fully-formed poem exceeding ten lines in length
		Demonstrates proficient keyboarding skills
Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
Demonstrates the proper formation of most letters consistently and demonstrates level-appropriate neatness in all writing	Demonstrates the proper formation of all letters consistently and demonstrates level-appropriate neatness in all writing	Demonstrates proper formation of all letters consistently and legibly & demonstrates level-appropriate neatness in all writing
Grammar	Grammar	Grammar
Identifies parts of speech	Understands function of most parts of	Understands the function of all parts of speech
Begins to identify fragments and sentences	speech	Consistently identifies fragments and sentences
Begins to identify parts of a sentence	Identifies fragments and sentences Identifies parts of a sentence	Understands the functions of parts of a sentence
Demonstrates beginning knowledge of proper punctuation	Demonstrates knowledge of proper punctuation	Consistently demonstrates proper understanding and use of alphabetical order
Demonstrates proper capitalization	Uses quotation marks properly	Uses guide words in dictionary to find words
Puts words into alphabetical order	Demonstrates proper use of capitalization	Identifies homophones, homonyms, & homographs
Identifies and generates compound words	Demonstrates proper understanding and use of alphabetical order	Demonstrates knowledge of proper punctuation

Begins to identify homophones and homonyms

Identifies suffixes and prefixes

Identifies antonyms and synonyms

## **Spelling**

Learns weekly spelling words

Participates in phonetic spelling

Uses guide words in a dictionary to locate entry words

Identifies homophones and homonyms

## **Spelling**

Learns weekly spelling words

Learns and applies rules of spelling

Uses correct spelling in writing activities

Builds and applies new knowledge of vocabulary and meaning

Uses commas correctly in sentences

Consistently uses quotation marks properly

Consistently shows proper use of capitalization

## **Spelling**

Learns weekly spelling words

Applies spelling rules to unknown words

Builds and applies new knowledge of vocabulary and meaning, including with unfamiliar words

Consistently uses correct spelling in writing activities