Curriculum Quick Reference Reading/Language Arts - Kindergarten

Content		Structures
	Is the MCPS curriculum being taught?	Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum?
		Are assessments being used as described in the instructional
		guide and lesson binders?
Quarter One	Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed □ Foundational skills-oral language, phonemic awareness, concepts about print, letter identification, phonics, high frequency words □ Establishing literacy processes of before, during and after reading and independent reading □ Introduction to story elements of character, setting and beginning, middle, and end □ Introduction to reading environmental print □ Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction using the one-page lesson plan or a small group reading skill lesson □ Vocabulary instruction-wonderful words □ Author study-Margaret Wise Brown Learning to Be a Writer □ Establishing writing process and workshop □ Writing personal narrative using writing process	 The teacher: provides 90 minutes of reading/language arts instruction using the literacy block model (includes daily small group instruction for all students). maintains a literacy rich learning environment. facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions about strategy use and elements of literary and informational text to support reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. uses before, during and after reading format to help students develop comprehension and fluency when reading across all curriculum areas. checks students understanding of the instructional focus. differentiates instruction to meet students' needs. uses assessment to guide instruction.
Quarter Two	□ Handwriting-continuous stroke Reading Purposes-, Literary Experience, To Be Informed □ Foundational skills-oral language, phonemic awareness, concepts about print, letter identification, phonics, high frequency words □ Establishing literacy processes reading and writing strategies of making connections, predictions and retelling and independent reading □ Understanding characters, setting and distinguishing between real and make believe □ Using pictures to understand informational text, answer questions and understand author's purpose □ Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction using the one-page lesson plan or a small group reading skill lesson, reading target level 1 (A) text □ Interactive writing Vocabulary instruction-more wonderful words □ Author studies-Donald Crews and Pat Hutchins Learning to Be a Writer Establishing writing process and workshop □ Writing personal narrative using writing process Handwriting-continuous stroke	

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		g Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed
		Foundational skills-oral language, phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle/phonics, high
		frequency words, concepts about print
		Establishing literacy processes reading and writing strategies of monitoring for meaning,
		rereading, using pictures to gain meaning and independent reading
		Activating prior knowledge, understanding fairy tales, comparing different versions,
		introduction to cause and effect
ee		Using pictures to learn about a topic, asking questions when reading informational text,
Ę		understanding cause and effect in informational text
er		Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction using the one-page lesson plan or a
Quarter Three		small group reading skill lesson, reading target level 2-3 (B-C) text
õ		Interactive writing
		Vocabulary instruction-sorting words and making sentences
		Author Study-Rosemary Wells
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	Writing	g Purposes- Personal Expression, To Inform
		Writing a personal narrative
		Writing a How-To booklet
		Writing a descriptive report
		Handwriting-continuous stroke
	Reading	g Purposes-To Be Informed, Literary Experience
		Foundational skills-oral language, phonemic awareness, letter identification, phonics, high
		frequency words-review of all 25 high frequency words
		Establishing literacy processes Reading and Writing strategies of before reading (thinking
		about text structure) and during reading (using fix-up strategies, asking questions,
		remembering information, changing predictions) strategies, reading fluency, and
		independent reading
		Activating prior knowledge, introduction to problem and solution, poetry, and text
Ħ		structures in informational text.
Foi		Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction using the one-page lesson plan or a
er		small group reading skill lesson, reading target of level 4 (C) text
Quarter Four		Interactive writing
õ		Vocabulary instruction- using a picture dictionary
		Author study-Charlotte Zolotow
	_	Tables stady Sharlow Dolows
	Writing	g Purpose-To Persuade, Personal Expression, To Inform
		Writing to persuade
		Writing poetry
		Writing a biography
		Writing about kindergarten

Curriculum Quick Reference-Look Fors Reading/Language Arts - Grade 1

Content **Structures** Is the MCPS curriculum being taught? Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum? Are assessments being used as described in the instructional guide? Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed The teacher: ☐ Foundational skills-oral language, phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle/phonics, high provides 140 minutes of reading/language arts instruction using frequency words the literacy block model (includes daily small group instruction Establishing literacy processes of before, during and after reading and independent reading for all students). Strategy Lessons-connections, story elements, retelling, asking questions, text features maintains a literacy rich learning environment. Reading for Literary Experience-Story Elements, retelling facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions about Reading to Be Informed- Fiction vs. Non-fiction, text features, retelling informational text strategy use and elements of literary and informational text to Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction or a small group reading skill lesson, support reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. Quarter One reading target level 5-7 (D-E) text uses before, during and after reading format to help students **Interactive Writing** develop comprehension and fluency when reading across all Vocabulary instruction-wonderful words, Frayer model curriculum areas. Reading fluency checks students understanding of the instructional focus. Author study-Kevin Henkes differentiates instruction to meet students' needs. uses assessment to guide instruction. **Writing Purpose-Personal Expression** models effective reading strategies and traits of effective ☐ Establishing writing process and workshop writing. □ Writing personal narrative using writing process provides time for students to independently read and write. Handwriting-continuous stroke provides a balance of instruction in the reading and writing □ Spelling exploration purposes, making connections where applicable. uses assessments to measure student mastery of curriculum Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed standards. ☐ Foundational skills- alphabetic principle/phonics, high frequency words ☐ Establishing literacy processes of *before*, *during* and *after* reading and independent reading The students: Strategy lessons-connections, story elements, retelling, asking questions, text features work individually, in pairs, in small groups, and as a whole Reading for Literary Experience-story elements, retelling class. Reading to Be Informed-reading procedural text, retelling the main idea Quarter Two engage in reflective classroom discussion that focuses on Small group differentiated Guided Reading instruction or a small group reading skill lesson, strategy use, connections, clarifications, confirmations, new reading target level 8-11 (E-G) text information, and questions. Interactive writing use speaking and/or writing to express ideas. Vocabulary instruction-word map, multiple meaning words, K-W-L, learning word meanings monitor own learning using before, during and after reading Reading fluency strategies when reading across all curriculum areas. Author study-Eric Carle read and write independently. Writing Purpose-To Inform ☐ Using the writing process to write a How-to Book ☐ Handwriting-continuous stroke Spelling exploration

Curriculum Quick Reference Reading/Language Arts - Grade 2

	Content	Structures	
	Is the MCPS curriculum being taught?	Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum? Are assessments being used as described in the instructional guide?	
Quarter One	Reading Purposes-Reading for Literary Experience, Reading To Be Informed Establishing literacy processes of before, during and after reading and independent reading Strategy Lessons-connections, story structure, cause/effect, fact/opinion, retelling and restating, text features, and identifying main idea Small group instruction-reading target Level J text Vocabulary instruction-wonderful words, word sorts, context clues, VOC, Frayer model Genre studies-poetry and author study Writing Purpose-Personal Expression Writing personal narrative using writing process and 6-Traits Spelling explorations-letter and sound, high frequency words Handwriting-reinforcing continuous stroke Reading Purposes-Reading for Literary Experience, Reading To Be Informed	 The teacher: provides 140 minutes of reading/language arts instruction using the literacy block model (includes daily small group instruction for all students). maintains a literacy rich learning environment. facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions about strategy use and elements of literary and informational text to support reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. uses before, during and after reading format to help students develop comprehension and fluency when reading across all curriculum areas. uses effective prompts to support students as they problem-solve on words and word meaning. checks students understanding of the instructional focus. differentiates instruction to meet students' needs. uses assessment to guide instruction. models effective reading strategies and traits of strong writing. provides time for students to independently read and write. provides a balance of instruction in the reading and writing purposes, making connections where applicable. uses assessments to measure student mastery of curriculum standards. The students: work individually, in pairs, in small groups, and as a whole class. engage in reflective classroom discussion that focuses on strategy use, connections, clarifications, confirmations, new information, and questions. use speaking and/or writing to express ideas. monitor own learning using before, during and after reading strategies when reading across all curriculum areas. read and write independently. 	
Quarter Two	□ Independent reading-book talks, reader's theater □ Strategy lessons-predicting, story elements, titles, cause and effect, asking questions, text features, compare/contrast, responding in writing-BCRs □ Small group instruction- reading target Level K text □ Vocabulary instruction-word map, K-W-L, bookmarks, context, word sorts, using new words □ Genre studies-plays and author study Writing Purpose-To Inform □ Writing to inform using writing process and 6-Traits □ Spelling explorations- letter and sound, high frequency words, homophones, prefixes, word endings □ Handwriting-reinforcing continuous stroke		

Curriculum Quick Reference Reading/Language Arts – Grade 3

	Content	Structures
	Is the MCPS curriculum being taught?	Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum? Are assessments being used as described in the instructional guide?
Quarter One	Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed □ Establishing literacy processes of before, during and after reading and independent reading □ Strategy lessons-connections, story structure, text features, cause/effect, compare/contrast, questioning, determining importance, main idea □ Genre studies-realistic fiction, picture books, and author study □ Small group instruction-reading target Level M text □ Vocabulary instruction-concept mapping, context clues, word sorts, VOC, prefixes and roots, probable passages Writing Purpose-Personal Expression □ Writing personal narrative using writing process □ Spelling explorations-high frequency words, letter and sound, plurals, endings, compound words, contractions □ Handwriting-introduce cursive	 The teacher: provides 120 minutes of reading/language arts instruction using the literacy block model (includes daily small group instruction for all students). maintains a literacy rich learning environment. facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions about strategy use and elements of literary and informational text to support reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. uses before, during and after reading format to help students develop comprehension and fluency when reading across all curriculum areas. uses effective prompts to support students as they problem-solve on words and word meaning. checks students understanding of the instructional focus. differentiates instruction to meet students' needs.
Quarter Two	Reading Purposes-To Be Informed, Literary Experience Strategy lessons-main idea, self-monitoring, using background knowledge, text features, summarizing, compare/contrast, inferring, theme, titles, sequence, fact/opinion, perform a task Genre studies-folktales, fables, content area reading, author study Small group instruction-reading target Level N text Vocabulary instruction-Frayer model, multiple meanings, William & Mary vocabulary web, analogies Writing Purpose-To Inform Writing (about a topic, to answer science or social studies questions, game directions) using writing process and 6-Traits Spelling explorations-high frequency words, letter patterns, prefixes, suffixes, comparatives and superlatives, derivatives, compound words Handwriting-cursive	 uses assessment to guide instruction. models effective reading strategies and traits of effective writing. provides time for students to independently read and write. provides a balance of instruction in the reading and writing purposes, making connections where applicable. uses assessments to measure student mastery of curriculum standards. Work individually, in pairs, in small groups, and as a whole class. engage in reflective classroom discussion that focuses on strategy use, connections, clarifications, confirmations, new information, and questions. use speaking and/or writing to express ideas. monitor own learning using before, during and after reading strategies when reading across all curriculum areas.

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Curriculum Quick Reference Reading/Language Arts - Grade 4

Content Structures Is the MCPS curriculum being taught? Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum? Is there evidence that formative assessment is being utilized? Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed The Teacher: ☐ Establishing literacy processes of *before*, *during* and *after* reading strategies, independent provides 130 minutes of reading/language arts instruction reading, literature circles using the literacy block model (includes daily small □ Strategy lessons-making connections, determining importance, questioning, visualizing, group instruction for all students). synthesizing, and inferring, text features, cause/effect, main idea, and drawing conclusions, maintains a literacy rich learning environment. distinguishing between fact and opinion facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions Small group instruction-reading target Level O-R text about strategy use and elements of literary and Quarter One Vocabulary instruction-concept mapping, context clues, word sorts, VOC, prefixes and roots informational text to support reading comprehension, Genre study-fantasy, fables, and author studies: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Patricia Polacco vocabulary, and fluency. uses before, during and after reading format to help Writing Purpose-Personal Expression students develop comprehension and fluency when ☐ Writing personal narrative using writing process, writing a fable reading across all curriculum areas. Introduction to writer's notebook checks students understanding of the instructional focus. Grammar- generic lesson format, lessons: sentences, compound sentences, run-on sentences, differentiates to meet students' needs. subject-verb agreement uses assessment to guide instruction. Spelling explorations- high frequency words, letter and sound explorations, plurals, and models effective reading strategies and traits of effective compound words writing. provides time for students to independently read and write. Reading Purposes- Literary Experience, To Be Informed balances instruction of the reading and writing purposes, ☐ Small group instruction-using a novel, reading target Level Q-R text making connections where applicable. Strategy lessons-anticipation guide, before, during and after reading strategies, reading uses assessments to measure student mastery of challenging text, making connections, determining importance and questioning, study skills curriculum standards. strategies-SO3R Vocabulary-using the context, vocabulary web, analogies Quarter Two The Student: Genre study-realistic and historical fiction and author study: Eloise Greenfield works individually, in pairs, in small groups, and as a Literature circles, organizational text structures of informational text, integrated reading/social whole class. studies content and common task, test taking practice-strategies for answering a BCR engages in reflective classroom discussion that focuses on strategy use, connections, clarifications. **Writing Purpose-To Inform** confirmations, new information, and questions. □ Research writing using the AGOPP model uses speaking and/or writing to express ideas. Grammar lessons: nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions, and prepositions monitors own learning using before, during and after Spelling/word study-derivatives, suffixes reading strategies when reading across all curriculum areas. reads and writes independently.

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Quarter Three	Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed Genre study-plays, biography, autobiography, and memoir Author studies-Eve Bunting and Seymour Simon Content connections in social studies lessons Integrated reading/science with a common task Small group instruction-reading fluency techniques, before, during, and after reading strategies, and vocabulary, reading target Level S-T text Writing Purposes- To Persuade and To Express Personal Ideas Writing a persuasive essay or another persuasive form Writing an autobiographical sketch	
Quarter Four	Reading Purposes- Literary Experience, To Be Informed Genre study-poetry and mystery Content connections in social studies lessons integrated reading/social studies with a common task Vocabulary Small group instruction-reading fluency lessons, before, during, and after reading strategies, reading target Level S-T text Writing Purpose-Personal Expression Writing poetry Writing a mystery Grammar-generic grammar lesson format Spelling/word study-syllables, past tense, derivatives, prefixes, accented vs. unaccented syllables, final syllable (-le)	DRAFT FEB 2005 – MCPS - OCIP - Reading

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	Is the MCPS curriculum being taught?	Are instructional practices consistent with MCPS curriculum?
		Are assessments being used as described in the instructional guide?
Quarter One	Reading Purposes-Literary Experience, To Be Informed Establishing literacy processes of before, during and after reading, shared poetry, independent reading, and literature circles Strategy lessons-characteristics of text, story structure, theme, summarizing, description, compare/contrast, sequence Reading in the content area-atlas, drawing conclusions, vocabulary, cause/effect, problem/solution Genre study-historical fiction Small group instruction- reading target Level T-U text Vocabulary-concept mapping, prefixes/suffixes/roots, multiple meanings, Frayer model Writing Purpose-Personal Expression Writing-writer's notebook, writing process Spelling explorations-prefixes, suffixes, derivations (Greek/Latin roots) Grammar-parts of speech	 The teacher: provides 130 minutes of reading/language arts instruction using the literacy block model (includes daily small group instruction for all students). maintains a literacy rich learning environment. facilitates interactive and thoughtful student discussions about strategy use and elements of literary and informational text to support reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. uses before, during and after reading format to help students develop comprehension and fluency when reading across all curriculum areas. uses effective prompts to support students as they problem-solve on words and word meaning. checks students understanding of the instructional focus. differentiates instruction to meet students' needs. uses assessment to guide instruction. models effective reading strategies and traits of effective writing. provides time for students to independently read and write.
Quarter Two	Reading Purposes-To Be Informed, Literary Experience Strategy Lessons-literature web, SQ3R, QAR, reciprocal teaching, critical reading Genre study-poetry: Langston Hughes, Ralph Fletcher Vocabulary instruction-analogies, context, vocabulary web, connotations Reading to be Informed-literature circles, note-taking, the Internet, content integrated tasks, functional documents Test-taking strategies Small group instruction-reading target Level T-U text Writing Purposes-Personal Expression and Writing to Inform Writing-poetry, introduction to writing to inform Spelling explorations-derivatives, prefixes, suffixes, homophones Grammar-verb tense, negatives, possessive nouns, compound and complex sentences	 provides a balance of instruction in the reading and writing purposes, making connections where applicable. uses assessments to measure student mastery of curriculum standards. The students: work individually, in pairs, in small groups, and as a whole class. engage in reflective classroom discussion that focuses on strategy use, connections, clarifications, confirmations, new information, and questions. use speaking and/or writing to express ideas. monitors own learning using before, during and after reading strategies when reading across all curriculum areas. read and write independently.

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