

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Essential Curriculum

Language Arts

Grade 1

Direct instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, reading strategies, comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, handwriting, and both oral and written language is included in a comprehensive Language Arts program.

Upon completion of Grade 1, children will know and be able to:

- Provide meaningful oral responses to literature; relay personal stories with a beginning, middle, and end.
- Develop appropriate oral language skills; participate within group discussions.
- use phonics and analogies to decode grade-level words with all common vowel patterns, consonants, digraphs, blends, and structural variations.
- Read commonly used sight words.
- Read grade-level materials with accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.
- Monitor all reading and own writing using meaning, visual (phonics and sight), and language structure cues.
- Comprehend appropriate texts in order to answer literal, inferential, and higher-order thinking questions; retell stories by including characters, settings, problems, events, and conclusions.
- Use appropriate spacing, letter formation, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar when writing.
- Use appropriate sound/symbol correspondence to write words; write several high-frequency words, in their entirety, in everyday writing.
- Apply characteristics of stories to own writing, including beginning, middle, and end, with some details.
- Share own writing and offer/accept constructive criticism leading to revision and editing.
choose to read, write, and listen to a variety of literary genres.
- Conduct basic research skills. using appropriate reference material. graphic organizers.