

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Essential Curriculum
Language Arts

Kindergarten

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 the completion of Kindergarten, children will know and be able to:

- Follow simple one and two-step verbal directions.
- Discuss and respond to information learned in fiction and non-fiction text.
- Speak in complete sentences to convey messages and create or retell stories.
- Participate and listen appropriately in a group setting.
- Attend to and discuss values in literature; value own writing and that of others.
- Identify, produce, segment, and blend prominent sounds for early reading and writing.
- Use all early reading strategies: differentiate between letters and words, match one word for each spoken word, use left-to-right directionality, recognize some high frequency words, predict unknown words using picture clues and context, and monitor for accuracy.
- Choose to read and write independently for variety of purposes.
- Use an appropriate pencil grip; form and space letters correctly.
- Write own first and last name with appropriate upper and lower case letters.
- Write meaningful sentences that can be read by others and by oneself.
- Write some high frequency words and use a combination of phonetic and conventional spelling for all other words.