## **Kindergarten English Language Arts Essentials**

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6 Components of Literacy	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4 (Review all essentials for KEEP)
Phonemic Awareness		RF.2 Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	RF.2 Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	RF.2 Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
		a. Recognize and produce rhyming words	b. Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words.  c. Blend and segment onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words.	e. Add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words.
Phonics	RF.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	RF.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	RF.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	RF.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
	a. Demonstrate basic knowledge of letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary or most frequent sound for each consonant.  13+ sounds for 1st term.	a. Demonstrate basic knowledge of letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary or most frequent sound for each consonant.  All 26 for 2nd-4th terms	c. Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does). 40+ words for 3rd term	b. Associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels
	c. Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does). 10+ words for 1st term	c. Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does). 25+ words for 2nd term		c. Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does). All 50 words for 4th term

	RF.1 Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.  a. Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page  b. Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters  c. Understand that words are separated by spaces in print.  d. Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters.  13+ letters for 1st term	RF.1 Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.  d. Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters. All 26 letters for 2nd –4th terms		
Fluency	RF.4 Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.			
Vocabulary	SL.6 Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly			

Comprehension	

Seven Essential Skills

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Summarize
Identify Words and Meaning
Synthesize Information
Make Connections
Cite Evidence
Text Structure
Inference

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RI.5 Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.

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RL.3 With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.

RI.3 With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

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Writing	L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. With guidance and support, identify and write many upper - and lowercase letters, including those in the student's name.	L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. With guidance and support, identify and write many upper - and lowercase letters, including those in the student's name.	L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. With guidance and support, identify and write many upper - and lowercase letters, including those in the student's name.  L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  a. Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun I.  b. Recognize and name end punctuation.	L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  c. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).  d. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.
		W.1 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is).	W.3 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.	W.2 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.
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**ESSENTIAL STANDARDS:** "Learning standards that are most essential because they possess qualities of endurance, leverage, and readiness for success at the next level" (DuFour, DuFour, Eaker and Many, 2010, p. 71).

Douglas Reeves offers "a three-part test for teams to consider as they assess the significance of a particular standard:

- "Does the standard have **ENDURANCE**? Do we really expect students to retain the knowledge and skills [throughout their lifetimes] as opposed to merely learning it for a test? [i.e. *Learning how to read and how to interpret a map*]
- "Does the standard have **LEVERAGE**? Will proficiency in this standard help the student in other areas of the curriculum and other academic disciplines? [i.e. *The ability to interpret and construct graphs, tables, and charts will help the student in math, science, history/social science*]
- "Does the standard provide **READINESS FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION**? Is it essential for success in the next unit, course, or grade level? [i.e. Knowledge of multiplication and division facts is necessary to develop proficiency in adding & subtracting unlike fractions and in reducing answers to lowest terms]" (DuFour, DuFour, Eaker and Many, 2010, p. 65).