Frankfort School District 157c

English Language Arts Curricular Expectations

Grade: 3

• Skills students should know and be able to do by the end of 3rd grade

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Reading Foundation	Reading for Literature	Reading for Information	Writing	Speaking and Listening	Language
Know grade level	Answer questions to	Ask and answer questions	Provide a concluding statement or	Engage effectively in a range	Explain the functions of nouns,
phonics and word	demonstrate	to demonstrate	paragraph.	of collaborative discussions	pronouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives
analysis skills in	understanding of a text by	understanding of a text, by	Write informative texts to examine a	(one on one, in groups, and	in general and identifying them in a
decoding words.	referring to the text.	referring to the text.	topic, convey ideas and information	teacher-led) with diverse	sentence. 1b. Create regular and
Apply grade level	Distinguish own point of	Determine the main idea	clearly.	partners on grade 3 topics and	irregular plural nouns and use them in a
phonics and word	view from those of the	of a text.	 Write explanatory texts to examine a 	texts, building on others' ideas	sentence.
analysis skills in	characters.	 Recount and explain how 	topic, convey ideas and information	and expressing their own	Create regular and irregular verbs and
decoding words.	Compare/contrast settings	key details support the	clearly.	clearly.	use them in a sentence.
Read grade	of stories written by the	main idea.	 Provide a concluding statement or 	 Come to discussions prepared, 	Create simple verb tenses and use them
appropriate	same author about the	Describe the relationship	paragraph.	having read or studied	in sentence.
irregularly	same or similar characters	between a series of	Write narratives to develop real or	required material; explicitly	Use correct subject verb agreement and
spelled words.	(e.g., in books from a	historical events, scientific	imagined experiences or events using	draw on that preparation and	pronoun-antecedent agreement. (exp.
• Read with	series).	ideas or concepts, or steps	effective strategies, descriptive	other information known	The girls play. They play.)
sufficient	Recount stories, including	in technical procedures in a	details, and clear event sequences.	about the topic to explore	Create simple, compound, and complex
accuracy and	fables, folktales, and myths	text using language that	• Create a plot that introduces a	ideas under discussion.	(has a dependent and independent clause
fluency to	from diverse cultures in	pertains to cause/effect.	narrator and/or characters while	Follow agreed-upon rules for	- exp. After I came home, I made dinner.)
support	order to determine the	Determine the meaning of	organizing an event sequence that	discussion (e.g. gaining the	sentences.
comprehension.	central message, lesson, or	general academic words	flows naturally.	floor in respectful ways,	Utilize conventions of capitalization,
Read on level	moral.	and phrases in a text	 Use dialogue, descriptions, thoughts, 	listening to others with care,	punctuation, and spelling when writing.
text with purpose	Recount stories, including	relevant to a grade 3 topic	and feelings to develop experiences	speaking one at a time about	Capitalize appropriate words in titles.
and	fables, folktales, and myths	or subject area.	and events.	the topics and texts under	Use commas in addresses.
understanding.	from diverse cultures in	• Use text features to locate	 Use dialogue, descriptions, thoughts, 	discussion).	Utilize conventional spelling for high
• Read grade level	order to explain how the	information relevant to a	and feelings to show how characters	Ask questions to check	frequency words, studied words, and
poetry orally with	central message, lesson, or	given topic efficiently.	respond to situations.	understanding of information	when adding suffixes to base words.
accuracy,	moral is conveyed through	 Use search tools (e.g. key 	 Use time order words and phrases to 	presented, stay on topic, and	Use spelling patterns and
appropriate rate,	key details in the text.	words, sidebars,	show event order.	link their comments to the	generalizations in writing words. (exp.
and expression.	 Describe character traits, 	hyperlinks) to locate	 Provide a sense of closure. 	remarks of others.	Word families, position-based spelling,
 Use context to 	motivations, and feelings in	information relevant to a	 With guidance and support from 	 Explain own ideas and 	syllable patterns, ending rules, and
self correct word	the story.	given topic efficiently.	adults, produce writing in which the	understanding in light of the	meaningful word parts.)
recognition and	Explain how specific	 Distinguish own point of 	development and organization are	discussion.	Consult reference materials, including
understanding,	aspects of a text's	view from that of the	appropriate to task and purpose.	Demonstrate command of	beginning dictionaries as needed to check
rereading as	illustrations contribute	author of the text.	 Conduct short research projects that 	conventions of standard	and correct spellings.
necessary.	what is conveyed by the	 Use information gained 	build knowledge about a topic.	English grammar and usage	 Use knowledge of language and
 Identify and 	words in a story (e.g.,	from illustrations (e.g.,	Recall or gather information from	when writing.	conventions when writing, speaking,
know the	create mood, emphasize	maps, photographs) to	experiences, print, and digital	Demonstrate command of	listening, and reading.
meaning of the	aspects of a character or	demonstrate understanding	sources.	conventions of Standard	 Recognize and observe the differences
most common	setting).	of the text (e.g., where,	 Write regularly over extended time 	English grammar and usage	between the conventions of spoken and
prefixes.	Explain how character	when, why, and how key	frames for a range of content specific	when speaking.	written standard English (exp.
 Identify and 	traits, motivations, and	events occur).	tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Speak in complete sentences	commands, questions, statements, and
know the	feelings contribute to the	 Describe the logical 	Write regularly over shorter time	when appropriate to task in	exclamations)
meaning of	sequence of events.	connection between	frames for a range of content specific	order to provide requested	 Determine the meaning of unknown
suffixes from	Determine the meaning of	particular sentences in a	tasks, purposes, and audiences.	detail or clarification.	and multiple-meaning words and
other languages.	words and phrases as they	text (e.g., comparison,	Write opinion pieces on familiar	Speak in complete sentences	phrases based on grade 3 reading.
Decode	are used in a text,	cause/effect, sequence).	topics and texts, supporting a point	when appropriate to situation	4a. Use context clues within a sentence
multisyllabic	distinguishing literal from	 By the end of the year, 	of view with reasons.	in order to provide requested	to find the meaning of an unknown
	nonliteral language			detail or clarification.	

- words and words with common Latin suffixes.
- Use context to confirm word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
- Refer to parts of stories when writing or speaking about a text using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza and describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- Refer to parts of dramas when writing or speaking about a text using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza and describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- Distinguish own point of view from that of the narrator.
- Compare/contrast themes of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).
- By the end of the year, read literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently.
- Refer to parts of poems when writing or speaking about a text using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza and describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

- read and comprehend informational text (e.g., history/social studies, science, and technical texts) at the high end of grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text using language that pertains to time.
- Compare/contrast the most important points presented in two texts in the same topic.

- Introduce the topic or text they are writing about and state an opinion.
- Create an organizational structure that lists reasons that support the opinion.
- Use linking words and phrases to connect opinions and reasons.
- Write informative texts to examine a topic, convey ideas and information clearly.
- With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
- Write opinion pieces on familiar topics and texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.
- Introduce a topic grouping related information together while including illustrations when useful to aid in comprehension.
- Develop the topics with facts, definitions, and details.
- Use linking words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information.
- With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.
- With guidance and support from adults use technology to produce and publish writing. With guidance and support from adults use technology to work together to produce writing.

- Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.
- Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
- Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
- Ask questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.
- Answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.
- Determine the main ideas of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- Determine the supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

- word or phrase.
- Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries in print or online, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of words and phrases
- Demonstrate understanding of word relationships.
- Identify real life connections between words and their use. (exp. Describe people who are friendly or helpful.)
- Acquire and accurately use gradeappropriate conversational, general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships. (exp. After dinner that night we went looking for them.)
- Use context clues within a sentence to find the meaning of an unknown word or phrase.
- Use abstract nouns in everyday writing. (exp. childhood).
- Create comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs and use them in a sentence. (exp. Your car is faster than mine. He is the tallest in the class.)
- Use coordinating (as, or) and subordinating (after, although, because, since, once, than) adjectives in a sentence.
- Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.
- Choose words and phrases for effect.
- Use prefixes and suffixes to determine the meaning of an unknown word.
- Use root/base words as a clue to determine the meaning of an unknown word.
- Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context. (exp. take steps)
- Distinguish meanings among related words that describe states of mind. (exp. knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered)