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Guide for Benchmarks

GRADE THREE LANGUAGE ARTS/READING

WORD KNOWLEDGE – PHONICS, VOCABULARY, SPELLING						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
1.3.1	Read aloud with fluency, accuracy, and appropriate intonation and expression [1.10]		→		→	
1.3.2			Use phonics (especially words with silent letters) and structural elements to read and determine meaning of unfamiliar, multi-syllabic words in context [1.1, 1.2]		→	
1.3.3	Use knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, roots and base words to determine meaning [1.3}		→			
1.3.4	Use glossary and dictionary to determine meaning and other features of unknown words [1.5]		→		→	
1.3.5	Use knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, homophones, and homographs [1.4]		→		→	
1.3.6			Spell vowels, vowel pairs, consonants, and vowel/consonant combinations and suffixes (new parts of speech and use of double consonants [1.7]		→	
1.3.7	Identify initial, medial, and final sounds and syllables [Gr. 1, 2]		→		→	
1.3.8			Use knowledge of compound words to predict meaning of unknown words [1.4]		→	

READING COMPREHENSION – PROCESS SKILLS AND STRATEGIES						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
2.3.3	Recall essential points in text; make and revise predictions [2.2, 2.5]		→		→	

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READING COMPREHENSION – PROCESS SKILLS AND STRATEGIES (continued)						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
2.3.4			Restate facts and details in text to share information and organize ideas [2.13]			→
			Interpret information in new contexts			→

READING COMPREHENSION – LITERATURE						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
3.3.2			Make inferences about setting, character traits; make predictions about plot, and check text for verification [3.2]			→
3.3.4					Identify and compare themes (and author's purpose) in reading selections [3.4]	
3.3.7	Read and identify stories, plays, and non-fiction selections [3.6]			→		→
			Interpret non-literal language [3.5]			→

READING COMPREHENSION – INFORMATIONAL TEXTS						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
4.3.1	Use title, table of contents, chapter headings, glossaries, index, charts, diagrams, and maps [4.1]			→		→
4.3.2			Distinguish cause/effect, fact/opinion, and main idea and supporting details in text [4.2]			→

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	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
4.3.4					Draw conclusions about texts and support them with textual evidence and experience [4.4]	
4.3.6	Read and follow multi-step (three- and four-step) directions to complete a task [4.5]		→		→	

WRITING - COMPOSITION						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
5.3.1					Locate and use at least three sources to write an informative paper [5.2]	
5.3.2			Write friendly and formal letters [5.3]		→	
5.3.4	Write responses to literature, drawing upon experiences [5.5]		→		→	

WRITING - PROCESS						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
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6.3.3					Write simple compositions and persuasive essays that address main idea and supporting details [6.5]	

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WRITING - MECHANICS						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
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7.3.1			Identify correct usage: verb tense, pronoun case, subject-verb agreement, irregular plurals, and comparative and superlative adjectives [7.1]			→
7.3.2			Write/punctuate declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory sentences [7.2]			→
7.3.3	Punctuate correctly: city and state, dates, and titles of books, salutation/close in letters, contractions, hour and minutes [7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6]			→		→
7.3.3			Punctuate correctly: dialogue in a series [7.3]			→
7.3.4	Correct capitalization: names and titles, dates, months, holidays, place names; first word in sentence; pronoun "I", salutation and close of letters [7.7]			→		→
			Identify correct word order in sentences, and repair run-on sentences [7.3, 7.4]			→

LISTENING						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
8.3.1	Retell and explain what has been said by a speaker [8.1]			→		→
8.3.4			Follow three-and four-step oral directions to complete a task [8.4]			→

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SPEAKING						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
9.3.1	Use specific vocabulary and apply standard English to communicate ideas [9.1]		→		→	
9.3.3			Present ideas and supporting details in logical sequence [9.3]		→	
9.3.5					Give clear three- and four-step directions to complete a simple task [9.5]	

DISCUSSION						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
10.3.1	Speak and listen in conversations and group discussions [10.1]		→		→	
10.3.2					Ask pertinent questions with relevant details [10.2]	
10.3.4					Distinguish between a speaker's opinion and verifiable facts [10.4]	

RESEARCH AND STUDY SKILLS						
NV Standards	First Trimester		Second Trimester		Third Trimester	
	6 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks	30 weeks	36 weeks
11.3.2			Use library resources, media, and technology to find information on a topic [11.2]		→	
11.3.4					Organize and record information from print and non-print resources [11.4]	

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