

LANGUAGE ARTS

FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

1

READING

- ☐ Read fluently and comprehend challenging books independently and proficiently.
- ☐ Understand what is read and make logical inferences, citing the text to support conclusions.
- ☐ Describe characters in stories and discuss how their actions or specific events affect the story.
- ☐ Identify the main idea or theme of a story and summarize or retell in own words.

2

WRITING

- ☐ Write to share an opinion and give reasons to support that opinion.
- ☐ Write organized stories based on real or imagined experiences or events that include well-chosen details and logical event sequences.
- ☐ Write to inform and explain ideas to others clearly.
- ☐ Do research to learn more about a topic and then write about it.

3

LANGUAGE

- ☐ Write sentences using capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly.
- ☐ Use grammar correctly when writing and speaking.
- ☐ Figure out the meaning of words or phrases using knowledge of words and by consulting reference materials.
- ☐ Gather vocabulary knowledge through conversations, reading, or being read to, and then use the words and phrases learned correctly.

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SPEAKING & LISTENING

- ☐ Use multi-media components (pictures, sound, or visual displays) to share information and enhance understanding.
- ☐ Report on a topic or text, share a story, or recount an experience in an organized way, sharing important details and speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
- ☐ Adapt speech to the situation (formal or informal) and speak in complete sentences to make what is being shared more clear to others.
- ☐ Summarize and tell about what is read, heard, or seen by determining the main ideas and supporting details.