

Grade One Critical Reading Targets

These critical reading targets were compiled by NLPS teachers and align with the current BC Curriculum. These critical skills are provided to help teachers screen, identify and monitor a learners' needs for the purposes of guiding instructional decisions around critical reading skills.

Phonological & Phonemic Awareness

Blending & Segmenting

- 3 to 4 sounds into word (/m//a//n/=man, /s//t//o//p/=stop)
- Initial, medial, and final sounds in 1-syllable words

Manipulation

- Substitute, delete, and add sounds
Delete "f" from flake
Substitute "n" in nap to "c" = cap
- Word families / onset-rimes (e.g. b-ack, s-top)

Phonics

Increasing ease with mid to end of year targets including:

- Recognizing and identifying all 26 letter names and sounds
- Decoding consonant digraphs ing short vowel words such as *that, shut, sang, when* and *duck*
- Decoding consonant blends with short vowels such as *stop, slip,*
- Decoding long vowels words with silent e such as *bake*
- Familiarity with common suffixes such as s, ing and ed
- Decoding some long vowel teams such as *rain, goat, tied* and *see*
- Uses common patterns to recognize new words (-all, -ame, -ice, -ate, -ight, -ing, -op)

Fluency

- Ease and accuracy with the above mentioned phonological and phonics skills
- Reads grade level text with expression and phrasing

Vocabulary

- Uses conversational language & increasingly specific and sophisticated vocabulary
- Uses vocabulary more academic language to talk about reading and viewing (book author, title, illustrator, pictures, etc...)

Comprehension

- In discussions, uses strategies before during and after reading and viewing to make meaning
- Accessing prior knowledge
 - Predicting
 - Making connections
 - Asking questions
- Retells most key events or ideas in sequence / identifies basic story elements / makes basic inferences about characters and situations

The NLPS Primary Assessment of Reading Screener is based on these above critical reading skills. Most critical skills are end of year targets.