

Benton Community Schools
Standards and Benchmarks
Reading and Language Arts K-6

1. Speaks and listens for a variety of purposes and audiences
2. Reads for comprehension, analysis and appreciation
3. Uses conventional language skills to communicate in writing
4. Writes for a variety of purposes and audiences
5. Finds, evaluates and uses information from a variety of sources

Standard 1 Speaks and listens for a variety of purposes and audiences

K-2 Benchmarks

1. Have relevant contributions when prompted
2. Recounts and shares personal experience on a topic at appropriate times
3. Uses appropriate voice quality, volume and eye contact
4. Formulates questions about materials and situations that are not clear
5. Aware of the use of complete sentences with proper grammar
6. Demonstrates listening with out interruptions

3-4 Benchmarks

1. Expresses ideas
2. Asks relevant questions
3. Keeps comments to the discussion topic
4. Develops use of complete sentences with proper grammar and growing vocabulary
5. Recognizes the need for having only one speaker at a time and respond appropriately
6. Listens to others opinions

5-6 Benchmarks

1. Contributes appropriately
2. Expresses ideas with clarity
3. Asks questions for clarification
4. Demonstrates the ability to speak confidently
5. Demonstrates use of complete sentences with proper grammar and a
6. Separates facts from opinion
7. Can recall materials after listening

Standard 2 Reads for comprehension, analysis and appreciation

K-2 Benchmarks

1. Uses reading strategies such as context clues, pictures and phonics when reading
2. Uses developmentally appropriate sight word vocabulary
3. Uses skills and strategies to demonstrate comprehension of selected readings
4. Introduces a variety of literature
5. Read with appropriate fluency

3-4 Benchmarks

1. Uses grade level appropriate punctuation to assist fluency and comprehension
2. Uses decoding skills to attack works
3. Increase reading vocabulary
4. Recognizes basic story elements and organization of print
5. Analyze what has been read
6. Identifies several different forms of literature

5-6 Benchmarks

1. Identifies, summarizes and evaluates literary elements and devices in literature
2. Increases reading vocabulary
3. Identifies different forms of literature
4. Uses reading strategies to comprehend and reflect on what has been learned

Standard 3 Uses conventional language skills to communicate in writing

K-2 Benchmarks

1. Prints legibly
2. Writes in complete sentences
3. Uses basic grammar rules
4. Uses basic mechanics

3-4 Benchmarks

1. Writes legibly in cursive
2. Writes a paragraph with complete sentences
3. Writes a story with a beginning, middle and end
4. Develops a writing vocabulary grade appropriate

5-6 Benchmarks

1. Continues to write legibly
2. Demonstrates proper sentence structure using correct mechanics
3. Writes paragraphs using complete sentences and proper grammar

Standard 4 Writes for a variety of purposes and audiences

K-2 Benchmarks

1. Writes story with beginning, middle and end
2. Develops own topic and writes original stories
3. Uses the writing process
4. Identifies several forms of writing

3-4 Benchmarks

1. Compose well-organized and coherent writing for specific purpose and audiences
2. Uses and understands the writing process
3. Writes stories with a beginning, middle and end

5-6 Benchmarks

1. Uses the writing process to express ideas
2. Compose well-organized and coherent writing for specific purposes and audiences

Standard 5 Finds, evaluates and uses information from a variety of sources

K-2 Benchmarks

1. Identify questions and gather information
2. Organize and integrate information from a variety of sources

3-4 Benchmarks

1. Formulate questions and construct a basic research plan
2. Organize and integrate information from a variety of sources
3. Determine the accuracy, currency and reliability of materials from various sources
4. Cite sources used

5-6 Benchmarks

1. For questions and construct a basic research plan
2. Organize and integrate information from a variety of sources
3. Determine the accuracy, currency and reliability of materials from a variety of sources
4. Identify, evaluate and cite primary sources