1st Grade Language Arts Curriculum Overview

**Reading: Literature**

**Key Ideas and Details**
- Ask and answer questions about the details of a text.
- Retell stories using details and proper sequence.
- Describe characters, settings, events, problems and resolutions in a text.
- Ask and answer *who, what, where, when, why, how* questions.

**Craft and Structure**
- Identify print that carries different messages.
- Identify point of view in text.

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**
- Use illustrations to interpret elements of a text such as characters, setting and events.
- Compare and contrast important points in two texts on a similar topic.
- Use “Before, During and After” as a reading strategy.

**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**
- Read and answer questions about a variety of texts (narratives, expository, poetry).

**Reading: Informational Text**

**Key Ideas and Details**
- Ask and answer questions about the details of a text.
- Recall key details of a text.
- Ask and answer *who, what, where, when, why, how* questions.
- Compare, contrast and draw conclusions between details in a text.
- Compare and contrast important points in two texts on a similar topic.
- Use graphic organizing (story map, KWL, and Venn Diagram as a reading strategy).

**Craft and Structure**
- Determine word meaning by asking questions.
- Use title, table of contents, headings, captions and graphs to gather information.

**Comprehension in a Variety of Texts**
- Identify beginning, middle and end of a story.
- Predict, confirm and draw conclusions while reading.
- Differentiate cause from effect.
- Distinguish non-fiction from fiction and fact from opinion.
- Draw conclusions.
- Summarize to demonstrate understanding.
- Make connections between personal experience and text.
- Use inference for character understanding.
- Develop alternate ending for a fictional story.

**Reading: Foundational Skills**

**Print Concepts**
- Match oral word to printed word.
- Identify print that carries different messages.
- Identify different features of a sentence (capitalization, ending punctuation).

**Phonological Awareness**
- Isolate initial, medial and final sounds in single-syllable words.
- Distinguish between long and short vowel sounds in spoken one-syllable words.
- Add, delete and change target sounds to change words.
- Orally blend individual sounds to produce one-syllable words.
- Form rhyming words including consonant blends.
- Show understanding of word families.
- Understand and form contractions.

**Phonics and Word Recognition**
- Review common consonant digraphs.
- Review long vowel sounds using final –e and vowel teams.
- Review that every syllable must include a vowel.
- Break two-syllable words into single syllables.
- Review irregularly spelled words.

**Fluency**
- Read with purpose, understanding, rate and accuracy.
- Self-correct and confirm words by using context.
- Recognize high frequency words.

**Writing**

**Text Types and Purposes**
- Write informative/explanatory text supplying details.
- Write narrative with details and properly sequenced events.
- Write responses to reading.
- Construct personal correspondence.
- Use writing process – prewriting (graphic organizers), writing, drafting, revising, editing proofreading and presenting.
- Make connections text to text, text to self, text to world.

**Speaking**

**Comprehension and Collaboration**
- Retell a story or relate personal experience in logical sequence with details.
- Follow directions.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**
- Describe people, places, things and events clearly.
- Clarify ideas through illustration.
1st Grade Language Arts Curriculum Overview (cont.)

Language
Conventions of Standard English
• Use conventional standards of English when speaking and writing.
• Print all capital and lower case letters.
• Understand common, proper and possessive nouns.
• Use personal, possessive and indefinite pronouns.
• Understand basic verb tense for past, present and future.
• Review adjectives, conjunctions, articles and demonstratives.
• Review basic capitalization rules.
• Review basic punctuation – periods, question marks, exclamation marks.
• Use conventional spelling rules for common and irregularly spelled words.
• Write in complete sentences and identify and correct incomplete sentences.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
• Use context clues to determine unknown word meanings.
• Use knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to arrive at unknown word meanings.
• Use knowledge of individual words to determine meaning of compound words.
• Categorize and classify words.
• Define words by their key attributes.
• Show knowledge of antonyms and synonyms.
• Show knowledge of basic dictionary skills.
• Use vocabulary and phrases learned through being read to and through conversation.
DeMarco’s dog is very funny. He gets in a lot of trouble. What do you think happened in the middle bubble? Draw it below.

Use the picture bubbles to fill in the story frame below.

(TITLE)

This story is about a ___________________ dog.

A problem starts when ___________________

__________________________

__________________________

__________________________

Next, ___________________

__________________________

__________________________

The story ends when ___________________
Lesson #30

Who are your friends? What makes them good friends? The story below is called Friendship. Read this story to find out what it means to be a good friend.

Friendship

Friends come in all shapes and sizes. Not all friends look the same. A friend can be someone who looks just like you, or someone who looks very different. For example, if you are a girl, your friend could be a boy. If you have dark skin, your friend could have light skin. If you have blonde hair, your friend could have dark hair. All the things that describe you or your friends are called traits. Traits tell what a person looks like and acts like.

There are many traits good friends share. Good friends are caring. A good pal will give hugs and listen when others get hurt or feel bad. Good friends share. A friend will share books, toys, and ideas, even when he or she doesn’t feel like it. Although friends may be different, they are special to each other.
Lesson #30 Continued

Look at the Venn Diagram below. It tells about some of Bo’s traits and some of Buddy’s traits. It also tells about the traits they both have.

Buddy’s Traits
- likes dirt
- crawls
- small
- slimy
- wiggly
- doesn’t like birds

Bo’s Traits
- likes bones
- runs
- barks
- big
- hairy
- doesn’t like the dog catcher

Both

Name 2 traits that both Buddy and Bo share.

______________________________  ______________________________

Name 2 traits that only Buddy has.

______________________________  ______________________________

Name two traits that only Bo has.

______________________________  ______________________________
Lesson #30 Continued

It's your turn to use the Venn Diagram. Use one circle below to list the traits that describe you. Then use the other circle to list the traits that describe one of your friends. Be sure to include the traits you have in common in the center.
Lesson 1
my, run, likes

c, f, g, j, k, m, p, s, t, w, y

answers will vary

"Fish For It"

Lesson 2
black, blue 2. glad, glitter 3. clip, clock
4. plane, plus 5. flag, flip or clip 6. slip, slip

We were glad she didn't slip when she got off the plane.

pictures that rhyme: dog, log bee, key cat, hat
flag, bag book, hook
shoe, two

Lesson 3
answers will vary
tuck, tuck, luck, clock, truck, struck

Goldilocks and the Three Bears: F
Snakes: N
How a Flower Grows: N
The True Story About Abraham Lincoln: N
Once Upon a Time: F

last two questions: answers will vary

I like to read

six-ten, ant-fly, baseball-football, red-black, sock-hat, dad-sister

Lesson 4
shoe, door: no
tall, bat: yes
yarn, yo-yo: yes
broom, cat: no
tree, turtle: yes
fish, fan: yes
dog, mouse: no
draw your own: answers will vary

snail, whale: no

(1) Father says, "Good morning, Maria!"  (2) Mother says, "Breakfast is ready."
(3) Maria waves goodbye to her dog.  (4) Maria says, "We're here!
(5) Maria's teacher says, "You're on time."  (6) Maria reads a book.

Lesson 5
(1) swing  (2) string  (3) skunk  (4) spoon  (5) square  (6) star
(7) snail  (8) smooth  (9) scale  (10) splash  (11) spring

(1) picture of hand  (2) picture of bug  (3) picture of lips
(4) picture of chin  (5) picture of mop  (6) picture of leg

Lesson 6
for walk
digraph activity (oo, sh, th, wh): answers will vary

Lesson 7
elephant- 3 telephone- 3 or phone-1
hippopotamus- 5 or hippo- 2
eye- 1
cardie- 2
dinosaur- 3
baseball- 2

Accept any story that tells how the baseball broke the window while Julie and
Steve were playing catch.
cold, mold, told, bold, sold, hold, fold

Lesson 8
(1) read  (2) lived  (3) pig, old  (4) check, sign  (5) showed, told
(6) found, saw  (7) shouted, said  (8) see, find

answers will vary- some possibilities include the following:

Lesson 9
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

consonants with circle shape: b, c, d, g, p, q
vowels: a, e, i, o, u, y

I am a worm! I love to eat pizza!  Do you like to eat pizza?
answers will vary

"Match-It"

Lesson 10
1. Buddy Learns About Books  9. answers will vary
2. Bo the Dog
3. Buddy the Bookworm
4. 3 chapters
5. "Buddy Starts His Day"
6. page 5
7. 9 pages
8. page 9

Lesson 11
of (to) adn (and)
a- day, snake, cake, rake
e- bee, tree, feet, leaf
i- kite, line
o- cone, notes, boat
d- use

answers will vary

Lesson 12
(1-a-b-e)  //  (a-n-t)
(3-e-e-e)  //  (c-a-t)
(1-a-n-p)  //  (b-a-n-k) nk is a digraph/considered one sound
look: shock, brook, book, crock
king: spring, thing, string, bring
bank: drank, sunk, thank, thank
sheep: sleep, beep, creep, jeep
eat: cheat, treat, seat, heat
grand, clip, happy, map, cat, after, rag

Lesson 13
answers will vary

(into), summer, time, sometimes, water, melon, baseball

challenge: fun, run, school, pool, hot, sport, through-blue

picture should include: sun in upper left corner, waves at bottom, boat in water,
three birds in sky

Lesson 14
1. I
2. April
3. J. Adams
4. Where, Africa
5. Uncle Ben's
6. How
7. Buddy
8. What

"Fish For It"

Lesson 15
1. Mai Li's Grandmother
2. Kim Su is Mai Li's sister. (possible clues from story: "Mama, Dad, Kim Su and I are all
goin to the Grand Canyon in two weeks. Mama is making her costume. She tries her
costume on every night before we go to bed.")
3. Grand Canyon
4. Mai Li loves her Grandmother. (possible clues from story: "I miss you Grandmother! I
can't wait for you to come and visit soon. Love, Mai Li")

postcards will vary

Lesson 16
hot, bottom, mop, mom, doctor, top, spot, pop (on the octopus)

Pet, make, huge, hole, bike

by look
come play for some
here you
Lesson 17
Accept any picture and story that tells how DeMarco's dog got into the trash can.

Lesson 18
1. smuggled under covers, closed eyes
2. yes, it was morning when eyes opened
3. answers will vary

picture of ice cream cone

Lesson 19
writing process: answers will vary

Lesson 20
1. Bo
2. Bo (picture clue) black dog with white paint strip (story clue) "That little black dog lives to dig in my garden."
3. no: the picture shows a dog with a white paint strip on its back and/or
4. dogs love to dig and/or he was trying to hide a bone
5. year: he's covered with paint / Mrs. Plant may call his owners / he was digging
6. answers will vary

characters: Bo, Mr. & Mrs. Plant

setting: where? Maple Street

when? Tuesday

problem: Mrs. Plant's Garden is dug up and/or Bo is covered with paint

solution: Mr. & Mrs. Plant discovered that Bo dug the holes

Lesson 21
Jed, sled, red, Fred, shed, bed

remaining letters will be circled

Lesson 22
1. no
2. lunch
3. 4 steps
4. Put your sandwich on a plate and eat up!

"Fish For It"

Lesson 23
1. N: gives true information
2. F: a glove cannot be a house for a man
3. N: gives true information
4. F: lizards don't like lollipops
5. answers will vary

Lesson 24
1. Grandma's Silly Squirrels...
2. One day, two squirrels...
3. Next day, Grandma... noticed...
4. Instead of her bird friends...
5. Grandma thought and thought...
6. answers will vary

Lesson 25
answers should refer to text

September, October, November, December (story clue: "in the fall...")
a healthy food or beverage

answers will vary

Apple seeds are planted and a tree grows from the seeds. The tree then grows flowers. These flowers are called blossoms. Apples grow from the blossoms on the apple tree.

answers will vary

Lesson 26
1. short words: answers will vary
2. times will vary

(1) igloo (2) pick (3) fishing (4) inside (5) mittens (6) pink (7) artist

The pool is open until dark. Can we go swimming after dinner?

new sentence: answers will vary

(1) before (2) after (3) after (4) before (5) before

Lesson 27
1. f (d-o-g) // (t-r-o-g) // (t-r-o-g) // (t-r-o-g) // (t-r-o-g) // (t-r-o-g)
2. f (b-r-e-a-d) // (b-r-e-a-d) // (b-r-e-a-d) // (b-r-e-a-d) // (b-r-e-a-d) // (b-r-e-a-d)
3. f (c-h-a-i-r-s) // (h-a-i-r)

Across
1. cup
2. under
3. umbrella
4. truck
5. fat
6. back

Down
1. cut
2. under
3. tub
4. duck
5. box

(ball), sat, that, cat, splat

"Match It"

Lesson 28
autobiography: answers will vary

pees five six cute
as nut bee tell
not sit go say
set pop tie toe

long vowel words: peep, five, bee, go, tie, cute, say, toe

short vowel words: as, not, set, nut, sit, pop, six, tell

Lesson 29
sh: short, shark, ship, shoes
ch: chin, chick, chair, cheese
th: thread, thrird, these, dump
wh: whisper, whistle, white, wheat

sentences 1-4: quotation marks should be written in boxes
sentences 1-5: all quotation marks should be circled

apple has
elephant igloo
ocotopus umbrella

has felt gave box luck
am red big top mud
have then with dot under
fat letter little stop luck
back let this fox stuck

Lesson 30
Accept any two choices from each group.

both: like books, funny, friendly, brave, don't like fish
only Buddy: likes dirt, cradles, small, slimy, wiggly, doesn't like birds
only Bo: likes bones, runs, barks, big, hairy, doesn't like the dog catcher

venn diagram and story: answers will vary