

Curriculum Descriptions for Areas of Reading Instruction

Comprehension – Understanding what one is reading

- **Reading Comprehension Cubes:** Foam cubes used during reading discussions that have comprehension questions on each side of the cube. Students answer the questions before reading (red cubes), during reading (blue cubes) and after reading (green cubes). Can be used for individual or group use. Grades 2-5
- **Re-Tell a Story Cubes:** Boost reading and listening comprehension with these 6 foam cubes that target after-reading skills while encouraging creativity. With a unique story-retelling suggestion on each side, cubes feature 36 different activities. Good for individuals or small groups. Grades 2-5
- **Letterland Make-a-Story Cards:** 60 double-sided cards to help learn new words, punctuation and sentence structure while making up funny sentences. Non-readers can pair, sort and make sentences out loud. Early readers can match or mix cards to make sentences and short stories. Confident readers can make longer stories with whole paragraphs. Grades 1-4
- **Rory's Story Cubes:** Dice-like cubes can be used to help generate creative stories. The nine cubes have images to inspire ideas for a story theme and improvisational additions to the story. If played with a group, the cubes can be rolled by each player so they can add to the story. Good for an ice-breaker, problem solving, creative inspiration, speaking and listening skills, mental workout and literacy development. Can be used for individual or group use. Grades 3-5

Phonics – How speech sounds correspond to the written letter or letter combinations

- **Letterland First Reading Flashcards:** These 65 double-sided flashcards feature the a-z and A-Z characters on one side and the plain letter on the reverse. They introduce the sounds and shapes of the alphabet to young learners and include instructions for correct pronunciation, examples and phonic game ideas. Grades K-2
- **Letterland Phonics Touch and Trace book and flashcards:** If a child is a tactile, visual or auditory learner, this multisensory book allows children to learn letter shapes, letter sounds, and word awareness in the way that suits them best. It includes memorable images, engaging stories and rhymes, and things to touch. Also helps consolidate letter shapes and promotes correct handwriting strokes. Grades K-2
- **Letterland Sammy Snake Snap cards:** 110 cards. The cards can be used in a traditional "Snap" game, odd-one out or memory pairs. They help develop letter recognition skills and game skills, including taking turns, following rules, and fair play. Grades K-2
- **Foam Magnet Letters**
- **Word Families Flash Cards**

- **Alphabet Flash Cards**
- **Phonics Flash Cards**
- **Alphabet Bingo:** Children learn letter recognition, uppercase letters and letter/object associations through the traditional matching play of bingo. Age 4+
- **Blended Bingo**
- **Word Family Dice:** Children can build and sound out new words with every roll of the 6-sided dice. Students select a few dice, roll them and see what words they can build with the letters they roll. Hands on practice with decoding, recognizing spelling patterns, phonological awareness and word-building skills. Grades K-2

Vocabulary – The knowledge of words and word meanings

- **Letterland Picture Code Cards:** Large pre-cursive cards with vowel and consonant blends, using picture/letter associations on one side of the card. On the other side is a sentence using the associated character in a sentence that provides context, as well as four words that have this blend. These flashcards feature **a-z** and over 40 other essential spelling patterns. An excellent tool focusing on phonic structure, role play, language development, word building and spelling. Grades K-2
- **Letterland Wipe Clean Spelling book:** Learn to read, write and spell the 100 most frequently used words, using clues and tips to make them memorable. Pages can be erased so they can be practiced multiple times. Grades K-2
- **Letterland Wipe Clean Vocabulary Book**
- **Rainbow word bingo**
- **Bananagrams:** A word building game, similar to scrabble, based on word association that helps children vocabulary skills and thinking ability. Recommended for 2 or more players. Grades 2-5
- **Classwords Game:** This vocabulary guessing game flexes critical thinking skills by using context clues, activating prior knowledge, making inferences, and building vocabulary. Clues can include synonyms, antonyms, rhyming words, and others agreed on by the players. Options for different levels of the game. 2-8 players. Grades 2-5
- **Scruzzles:** Students need to be proficient at graphophonics (relationship between how words look and how they sound) to master language. This game helps them recognize letter patterns, sound out consonant and vowel blends, learn spelling possibilities, understand that vowel sounds are different in different words, and make decisions based on graphic patterns. Tile patterns are cut out and arranged in patterns. Can be adapted to a variety of ages. Grades 1-4

- **Silly Sentences:** Uses puzzle pieces to help children construct sentences... even silly ones, while learning nouns, verbs and adjectives. Good for 1-4 players. Grades 1-3
- **Obscurity:** Combining word searching with vocabulary building, Obscurity has players search a letter board for 10 words hidden on a game card (4 letters or longer). Words may be formed in any direction as long as the letters touch for every word a player got that their opponents did not, they get to score points. Players use a word list on the back of the card to score their words, the longer the word the higher the score. Grades 4-5

Fluency – Reading text with speed, accuracy and proper expression

- **Letterland Wipe Clean Spelling Book (see under vocabulary)**
- **Letterland First Picture Word Book:** Introduces children to over 180 words with accompanying pictures, increases vocabulary, teaches about alphabetical order, dictionary skills, word-picture associations. Grades K-2
- **Word Family Flashcards**
- **Sight words/rainbow words**
- **Bananagrams** (see under vocabulary)
- **Word Family Dice** (see under vocabulary)

Phonological Awareness -

- **Letterland Alphabet Tales Book:** Presented in a comic strip style, the each phonetic Letterland character goes on an adventure. Illustrations accompany each sentence. Grades 1 - 3
- **Letterland ABC Book:** Stories based around the Letterland characters that include multiple words with the same letter/sound in them. Adult reads the story while the child follows the pictures and listens for words that start with the letter. Grades K-2