



# **Language Arts Curriculum Framework**

# Introduction

## Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects

The K-8 standards define what students should understand and be able to do by the end of each grade. They correspond to the College and Career Readiness (CCR) anchor standards by number. The CCR and grade-specific standards are necessary complements – the former providing broad standards, the latter providing additional specificity – that together define the skills and understandings that all students must demonstrate.

Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year’s grade-specific standards, retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades, and work steadily toward meeting the more general expectations described by the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards.

The Standards set requirements not only for English language arts (ELA) but also for literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects. Just as students must learn to read, write, speak, listen, and use language effectively in a variety of content areas, so too must the Standards specify the literacy skills and understandings required for college and career readiness in multiple disciplines. Literacy standards for grade six and above are predicated on teachers of ELA, history/social studies, science, and technical subjects using their content area expertise to help students meet the particular challenges of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language in their respective fields. It is important to note that the 6-8 literacy standards in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects are not meant to replace content standards in those areas but rather to supplement them.

### **Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects 6-8**

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### **Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects 6-8**

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## **Common Core State Standards**

The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (“the Standards”) are the culmination of an extended, broad-based effort to fulfill the charge issued by the states to create the next generation of K–12 standards in order to help ensure that all students are college and career ready in literacy no later than the end of high school.

The present work, led by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the National Governors Association (NGA), builds on the foundation laid by states in their decades-long work on crafting high-quality education standards. The Standards also draw on the most important international models as well as research and input from numerous sources, including state departments of education, scholars, assessment developers, professional organizations, educators from kindergarten through college, and parents, students, and other members of the public. In their design and content, refined through successive drafts and numerous rounds of feedback, the Standards represent a synthesis of the best elements of standards-related work to date and an important advance over that previous work.

As specified by CCSSO and NGA, the Standards are (1) research and evidence based, (2) aligned with college and work expectations, (3) rigorous, and (4) internationally benchmarked. A particular standard was included in the document only when the best available evidence indicated that its mastery was essential for college and career readiness in a twenty-first-century, globally competitive society. The Standards are intended to be a living work. As new and better evidence emerges, the Standards will be revised accordingly.

## Catholic Schools and the Common Core State Standards

Catholic schools have a long-standing commitment to academic excellence that is rooted in the faith-based mission of Catholic education. The Common Core State Standards in no way compromise the Catholic identity or educational program of a Catholic school.

The Common Core State Standards initiative, begun in 2007, is a state-led, bipartisan effort that is not a requirement for participation in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) or any other federally-funded program, and there are no mandates for any Catholic school to follow any federal rules if they adopt the Common Core. Adoption of the Common Core is voluntary; individual states, Catholic dioceses, and other private schools make their own decisions about whether to adopt the standards.

The Common Core State Standards are a set of high-quality academic expectations that all students should master by the end of each grade level. The standards establish consistent learning goals for all students that focus on preparing them to succeed in college and careers in a globally competitive workplace. The standards define and clearly communicate grade-specific goals and inform parents about learning outcomes, making it easier for parents to collaborate with teachers in helping their children achieve success.

The Common Core State Standards are not a curriculum. A curriculum includes what is taught, when it is taught, how it is taught, and what materials to use. None of these items are included in the Common Core State Standards. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, all of these elements will continue to be determined by curriculum specialists, principals, and teachers working to meet the needs of their students.

The Common Core represents a fundamental shift in the teaching and learning process. The Common Core establishes clear, measurable goals for students that assist teachers in making instructional decisions. The standards place emphasis on creativity, critical and analytical thinking, and application to curriculum content. The Common Core is not a national curriculum. It guides the way that instruction takes place in each classroom, allowing the Catholic school to develop its own curriculum content.

**The Archdiocese of Louisville has adopted the Common Core State Standards and made adaptations to ensure a rigorous academic curriculum that integrates faith and knowledge.** As trained professionals, Catholic administrators and teachers continually seek the best instructional methods for educating students.

**Strand**

**Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Two**

**Essential Understandings**

- Reading helps us to understand our world and our place in it.
- Reading has intrinsic value.
- Reading can be used to access information needed to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve problems.

**Guided Questions**

- What can we learn from reading a variety of materials?
- Why do we read?
- What was the author’s purpose?
- What genre is the text?
- What do we do when we come to

**Anchor Standard Strand**

**Academic Expectations**

- 1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.
- 1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.
- 4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.
- 5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.
- 6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.

**Anchor Standard Strand**

**Key Ideas and Details**

**Craft and Structure**

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

**Standards**

1. Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, and how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
2. Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message (main idea), lesson, or moral.
3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.
4. Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.
5. Describe the beginning of a story; how the beginning introduces the story and how the beginning sets the tone.
6. Acknowledge differences in the points of view or characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
8. (Not applicable to literature.)
9. Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.
10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

**Grade-specific Standard**

**RL.2.10 Reading Literature. Grade 2. Standard 10**

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## **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading (R.CCR)**

*The Reading Standards for Literature and Informational Text offer a focus for instruction each year and help ensure that students gain adequate exposure to a range of texts and tasks. Rigor is also infused through the requirement that students read increasingly complex texts through the grades. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

### **Key Ideas and Details**

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

### **Craft and Structure**

4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

### **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

### **Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

10. Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

### **Note on Range and Content of Student Reading**

*To build a foundation for college and career readiness, students in grades K-5 must read widely and deeply from among a broad range of high-quality, increasingly challenging literary and informational texts. Through extensive reading of stories, dramas, poems, and myths from diverse cultures and different time periods, students gain literary and cultural knowledge as well as familiarity with various text structures and elements. By reading texts in history/social studies, science, and other disciplines, students build a foundation of knowledge in these fields that also gives them the background to be better readers in all content areas. Students can only gain this foundation when the curriculum is intentionally and coherently structured to develop rich content knowledge within and across grades. Students also acquire the habits of reading independently and closely, which are essential to their future success.*

*The Foundational Skills standards for reading in grades K-5 are directed toward fostering students' understanding and working knowledge of concepts of print, the alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions of the English writing system. These foundational skills are not an end in and of themselves; rather, they are necessary and important components of an effective, comprehensive reading program designed to develop proficient readers with the capacity to comprehend texts across a range of types and disciplines. Instruction should be differentiated: good readers will need much less practice with those concepts than struggling readers will. The point is to teach students what they need to learn and not what they already know – to discern when particular children or activities warrant more or less attention.*

*To become college and career ready, students in grades 6-8 must grapple with works of exceptional craft and thought whose range extends across genres, cultures, and centuries. Such works offer profound insights into the human condition and serve as models for students' own thinking and writing. Along with high-quality contemporary works, these texts should be chosen from among seminal U.S. documents, the classics of American literature, and the timeless dramas of Shakespeare. Through wide and deep reading of literature and literary nonfiction of steadily increasing sophistication, students gain a reservoir of literary and cultural knowledge, references, and images; the ability to evaluate intricate arguments; and the capacity to surmount the challenges posed by complex texts.*



## **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing (W.CCR)**

*The Writing Standards offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. Each year in their writing, students should demonstrate increasing sophistication in all aspects of language use, from vocabulary and syntax to the development and organization of ideas, and they should address increasingly demanding content and sources. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

### **Text Types and Purposes**

1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

### **Production and Distribution of Writing**

4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

### **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

### **Range of Writing**

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

### **Note on Range and Content of Student Writing**

*To build a foundation for college and career readiness, students in grades K-5 need to learn to use writing as a way of offering and supporting opinions, demonstrating understanding of the subjects they are studying, and conveying real and imagined experiences and events. They learn to appreciate that a key purpose of writing is to communicate clearly to an external, sometimes unfamiliar audience, and they begin to adapt the form and content of their writing to accomplish a particular task and purpose. They develop the capacity to build knowledge on a subject through research projects and to respond analytically to literary and informational sources. To meet these goals, students must devote significant time and effort to writing, producing numerous pieces over short and extended time frames throughout the year.*

*For students in grades 6-8, writing is a key means of asserting and defending claims, showing what they know about a subject, and conveying what they have experienced, imagined, thought, and felt. To be college- and career-ready writers, students must take task, purpose, and audience into careful consideration, choosing words, information, structures, and formats deliberately. They need to know how to combine elements of different kinds of writing – for example, to use narrative strategies within argument and explanation within narrative – to produce complex and nuanced writing. They need to be able to use technology strategically when creating, refining, and collaborating on writing. They have to become adept at gathering information, evaluating sources, and citing material accurately, reporting findings from their research and analysis of sources in a clear and cogent manner. They must have the flexibility, concentration, and fluency to produce high-quality first-draft text under a tight deadline as well as the capacity to revisit and make improvements to a piece of writing over multiple drafts when circumstances encourage or require it.*

## **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening (SL.CCR)**

*The Speaking and Listening Standards offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

### Comprehension and Collaboration

1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

### Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

### **Note on Range and Content of Student Speaking and Listening**

*To build a foundation and become college and career ready, students must have ample opportunities to take part in a variety of rich, structured conversations – as part of a whole class, in small groups, and with a partner – built around important content in various domains. Being productive members of these conversations requires that students contribute accurate, relevant information; respond to and develop what others have said; make comparisons and contrasts; and analyze and synthesize a multitude of ideas in various domains.*

*New technologies have broadened and expanded the role that speaking and listening play in acquiring and sharing knowledge and have tightened their link to other forms of communication. Digital texts confront students with the potential for continually updated content and dynamically changing combinations of words, graphics, images, hyperlinks, and embedded video and audio. The Internet has accelerated the speed at which connections between speaking, listening, reading, and writing can be made, requiring that students be ready to use these modalities nearly simultaneously. Technology itself is changing quickly, creating a new urgency for students to be adaptable in response to change.*

## **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language (L.CCR)**

*The Language Standards offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

### Conventions of Standard English

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

### Knowledge of Language

3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

### Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
6. Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

## **Note on Range and Content of Student Language Use**

*To build a foundation for college and career readiness in language, students in grades K-5 must gain control over many conventions of standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics as well as learn other ways to use language to convey meaning effectively. They must also be able to determine or clarify the meaning of grade-appropriate words encountered through listening, reading, and media use; come to appreciate that words have non-literal meanings, shadings of meaning, and relationships to other words; and expand their vocabulary in the course of studying content. The inclusion of Language standards in their own strand should not be taken as an indication that skills related to conventions, effective language use, and vocabulary are unimportant to reading, writing, speaking, and listening; indeed, they are inseparable from such contexts.*

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*To be college and career ready in language, students in grades 6-8 must have firm control over the conventions of Standard English. At the same time, they must come to appreciate that language is at least as much a matter of craft as of rules and be able to choose words, syntax, and punctuation to express themselves and achieve particular functions and rhetorical effects. They must also have extensive vocabularies, built through reading and study, enabling them to comprehend complex texts and engage in purposeful writing about and conversations around content. They read to become skilled in determining or clarifying the meaning of words and phrases they encounter, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies to aid them. They must learn to see an individual word as part of a network of other words – words, for example, that have similar denotations but different connotations. The inclusion of Language standards in their own strand should not be taken as an indication that the skills related to conventions, effective language usage, and vocabulary are unimportant to reading, writing, speaking, and listening; indeed they are inseparable from such contexts.*

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## Language and Literacy Development – Pre-Kindergarten

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening is important to understanding of the message.</li> <li>• To communicate effectively, it is essential that the speaker is able to express ideas clearly.</li> <li>• Phonological and phonemic awareness are essential foundational skills for early reading.</li> <li>• The development of active listening skills and memory aid in comprehension.</li> <li>• The use of emergent writing skills is a means of communication.</li> <li>• Increased vocabulary promotes the ability to understand and communicate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What must we do to be good listeners?</li> <li>• How can we clearly communicate our ideas and knowledge to others?</li> <li>• Why is it important to speak clearly and audibly?</li> <li>• How can discriminating between sounds support pre-reading skills?</li> <li>• How can careful listening help us understand what we hear?</li> <li>• How can we convey information through the pictures that we draw?</li> <li>• How can we figure out what an unfamiliar word means?</li> </ul>
Content Guidelines	Performance Standards
<p>Listening Skills</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognize the intent of non-verbal and verbal cues</li> <li>• listen to stories, directions, and conversations</li> <li>• follow directions that involve a two- or three-step sequence of actions</li> <li>• listen to and recognize similar and different sounds in words and rhymes</li> </ul>

Content Guidelines	Performance Standards
<p>Communication Skills</p> <p>Phonological and Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Alphabet Knowledge</p> <p>Comprehension</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communicate needs, wants, or thoughts through non-verbal gestures and actions, facial expressions, and/or words</li> <li>• speak clearly enough to be understood</li> <li>• speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly</li> <li>• speak in appropriate tone</li> <li>• speak in five- to six-word sentences</li> <li>• use increasingly complex and varied vocabulary, language, and sentence structure</li> <li>• initiate, ask questions, and respond appropriately in conversation with peers and adults in one-on-one, small group, and large group interactions</li> <li>• ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something</li> <li>• describe familiar people, places, things, and events</li> <li>• use most grammatical constructions well</li> <li>• use appropriate pronouns</li> <li>• recite simple finger plays and nursery rhymes</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognize words that rhyme in games, songs, and stories</li> <li>• match or produce words that rhyme</li> <li>• adds or substitutes individual sounds in simple, one-syllable words to make new words</li> <li>• identify initial sound that corresponds to a picture or object</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate the ability to recite the alphabet by rote memory</li> <li>• recognize and name most uppercase and lowercase letters, especially those in own name</li> <li>• identify sounds typically associated with letters that are frequently used</li> <li>• understand the connection between letters and sounds</li> <li>• begin to associate sounds with letters</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate understanding of stories and conversations</li> <li>• predict what will happen next in a story using pictures as a guide</li> <li>• recall information from a story</li> <li>• retell a simple story in sequence</li> <li>• identify characters and the role they play in a story</li> </ul>



Content Guidelines	Performance Standards
<p>Word Recognition Skills</p> <p>Reading Readiness</p> <p>Emergent Writing</p> <p>Background Knowledge and Vocabulary Skills</p> <p>Book Knowledge and Appreciation</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognize written first name</li> <li>• demonstrate awareness and beginning knowledge of environmental print (e.g., stop, on, restaurant or store logo)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• initiate stories and respond to stories told or read aloud</li> <li>• represent stories told or read aloud through during play</li> <li>• show beginning understanding of concepts about print</li> <li>• engage in “reading” (e.g., look at pictures in a book; pretend to read)</li> <li>• “ reread” a book that has been read by another</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand that writing is a means of communication</li> <li>• use scribbles, shapes, pictures, letter-like symbols, or dictation to represent thoughts or ideas</li> <li>• begin to copy or write own name using an uppercase letter for only the first letter</li> <li>• identify meaning of words in read-alouds, conversations, and descriptions of everyday items in the world around them</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make use of new vocabulary in an appropriate manner</li> <li>• use strategies to figure out word meanings (e.g., look at pictures, ask someone, use context clues)</li> <li>• use previous experiences and acquired vocabulary to demonstrate a bigger understanding of the world around them and the world beyond them</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate interest in a range of texts</li> <li>• identify the function and location of a book’s front, back, top, bottom, and spine</li> <li>• demonstrate how to turn the pages of a book properly</li> <li>• know that books are read from front to back</li> <li>• point to where to begin reading</li> <li>• recognize that text flows from left to right and top to bottom</li> <li>• recognize that there are spaces between words</li> </ul>

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## Reading Literature (RL) – Kindergarten

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Understanding the organization and purpose of a text selection can help the reader answer questions about unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• In real life, comparisons help generate similarities and differences and help determine a focus.</li> <li>• Illustrations and words help the reader to understand the character, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• Characters in stories can serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know about the text?</li> <li>• What was the sequence of events in the story?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea? What details support the main idea, lesson, or moral?</li> <li>• What strategies can readers use to determine unfamiliar words in a text?</li> <li>• How can learning about the author’s and illustrator’s purposes aid in understanding a reading selection?</li> <li>• Why is the setting important?</li> <li>• How do the characters impact the events?</li> <li>• How do the events affect the characters?</li> <li>• How do illustrations and print work together to help us gather information?</li> <li>• How do characters demonstrate Catholic values and behaviors?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p> <p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li> <li>2. With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including main ideas and key details.</li> <li>3. With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and sequence of major events in a story.</li> <li>4. Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.</li> <li>5. Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).</li> <li>6. With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.</li> <li>7. With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).</li> <li>8. (Not applicable to literature)</li> <li>9. With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.</li> <li>10. Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding using comprehension strategies.</li> </ol>

## Reading Standards for Informational Text (RI) – Kindergarten

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Words and phrases supply meaning to a selection.</li> <li>• Text features help the reader navigate the text.</li> <li>• Together the illustrations and print provide information.</li> <li>• Reading invites the reader to use new and prior knowledge and ideas to understand the world and the reader's place in the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know and remember about the text?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea of the text selection?</li>   <li>• How do particular words and phrases impact the meaning?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use descriptive words?</li>   <li>• What information can be learned from previewing and locating the text features and components of a reading selection?</li> <li>• How do text features help us as we read a piece of informational text?</li>   <li>• What is gained from examining both print and illustrations?</li>   <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of materials?</li> <li>• How can we use prior knowledge and ideas to build upon the understanding of new material?</li> <li>• How can we learn to understand and respect others through reading?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p> <p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li> <li>2. With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.</li> <li>3. With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.</li> <li>4. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.</li> <li>5. Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.</li> <li>6. Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.</li> <li>7. With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).</li> <li>8. With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.</li> <li>9. With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).</li> <li>10. Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.</li> </ol>







<p>3.4 Students demonstrate the ability to be resourceful and creative.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>5.2 Students use creative thinking skills to develop or invent novel, constructive ideas or products.</p>	<p><b>Research to Build and Present Knowledge</b></p> <p><b>Range of Writing</b></p>	<p>6. With guidance and support from adults, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.</p> <p>7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).</p> <p>8. With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.</p> <p>9. (Begins in grade 4)</p> <p>10. (Begins in grade 3)</p>
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## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Kindergarten

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening is important to the understanding of the message.</li>   <li>• There are important rules for discussion.</li>   <li>• To communicate, it is essential that the speaker is able to express ideas clearly.</li>   <li>• There is a difference between hearing and listening.</li>   <li>• Working collaboratively reflects our response to God’s call to love and care for others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> <li>• How does listening help us to recall and retell the information that is presented to us?</li> <li>• How can we gather, organize, and evaluate material through listening?</li>   <li>• Why are the rules for discussion necessary?</li> <li>• Why do we ask questions and seek clarification when listening to another?</li>   <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• Why are there different presentation skills for different audiences?</li> <li>• Why is speaking clearly and audibly essential to good communication?</li>   <li>• What is the difference between hearing and listening?</li>   <li>• How does working collaboratively demonstrate our call to love and respect one another and share the gifts God has given us?</li> <li>• How do others learn about our responsiveness to God’s message by what we say and the way we say it?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>    <p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>kindergarten topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).</li> <li>1b. Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.</li> <li>3. Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.</li>   <li>4. Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.</li> <li>5. Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.</li> <li>6. Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.</li> </ol>



	<p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>kindergarten reading and content</i>.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing <i>duck</i> is a bird and learning the verb <i>duck</i>).</li> <li>4b. Use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes (e.g., <i>-ed</i>, <i>-s</i>, <i>re-</i>, <i>un-</i>, <i>pre-</i>, <i>-ful</i>, <i>-less</i>) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of concepts the categories represent.</li> <li>5b. Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating them to their opposites (antonyms).</li> <li>5c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are <i>colorful</i>).</li> <li>5d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action (e.g., <i>walk</i>, <i>march</i>, <i>strut</i>, <i>prance</i>) by acting out the meanings.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.</li> </ol>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade One

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Understanding the organization and purpose of a text selection can help the reader answer questions about unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• In real life, comparisons help generate similarities and differences and help determine a focus.</li> <li>• Illustrations and words help the reader to understand the character, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• Characters in stories can serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know about the text?</li> <li>• What was the sequence of events in the story?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea? What details support the main idea, lesson, or moral?</li> <li>• What strategies can readers use to determine unfamiliar words in a text?</li> <li>• How can learning about the author’s and illustrator’s purposes aid in understanding a reading selection?</li> <li>• Why is the setting important?</li> <li>• How do the characters impact the events?</li> <li>• How do the events affect the characters?</li> <li>• How do illustrations and print work together to help us gather information?</li> <li>• How do characters demonstrate Catholic values and behaviors?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p> <p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li> <li>2. Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message (main idea) or lesson.</li> <li>3. Describe characters, settings, and sequence of major events in a story, using key details.</li> <li>4. Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.</li> <li>5. Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.</li> <li>6. Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.</li> <li>7. Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.</li> <li>8. (Not applicable to literature)</li> <li>9. Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.</li> <li>10. With prompting and support, read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1.</li> </ol>

## Reading Standards for Informational Text (RI) – Grade One

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Words and phrases supply meaning to a selection.</li> <li>• Text features help the reader navigate the text.</li> <li>• Together the illustrations and print provide information.</li> <li>• Reading invites the reader to use new and prior knowledge and ideas to understand the world and the reader's place in the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know and remember about the text?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea of the text selection?</li>   <li>• How do particular words and phrases impact the meaning?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use descriptive words?</li>   <li>• What information can be learned from previewing and locating the text features and components of a reading selection?</li> <li>• How do text features help us as we read a piece of informational text?</li>   <li>• What is gained from examining both print and illustrations?</li>   <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of materials?</li> <li>• How can we use prior knowledge and ideas to build upon the understanding of new material?</li> <li>• How can we learn to understand and respect others through reading?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p> <p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li> <li>2. Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.</li> <li>3. Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.</li> <li>4. Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.</li> <li>5. Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.</li> <li>6. Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.</li> <li>7. Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.</li> <li>8. Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.</li> <li>9. Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).</li> <li>10. With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade 1.</li> </ol>









<p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>5.2 Students use creative thinking skills to develop or invent novel, constructive ideas or products.</p>	<p><b>Research to Build and Present Knowledge</b></p> <p><b>Range of Writing</b></p>	<p>7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).</p> <p>8. With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.</p> <p>9. (Begins in grade 4)</p> <p>10. (Begins in grade 3)</p>
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## Language (L) – Grade One

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are a necessity for good writing.</li> <li>• Language is divided into categories known as parts of speech.</li> <li>• Strategies help us to determine unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Understanding the connections between roots and affixes help us to expand our vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to use grammar and usage rules when writing?</li> <li>• How do we use language to clearly communicate our ideas and knowledge to others?</li> <li>• How does familiarity with one word help us to determine unknown words?</li> <li>• How do context clues help us to understand unfamiliar words and phrases?</li> <li>• How does adding a prefix and/or suffix to a known root help us to expand our vocabulary?</li> <li>• How does understanding the meaning of common affixes help us to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Print all upper- and lowercase letters proficiently.</li> <li>1b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.</li> <li>1c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., <i>He hops; We hop</i>).</li> <li>1d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., <i>I, me, my, they, them, their; anyone, everything</i>).</li> <li>1e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., <i>Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home</i>).</li> <li>1f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.</li> <li>1g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., <i>and, but, or, so, because</i>).</li> <li>1h. Use determiners (e.g. articles, demonstratives).</li> <li>1i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., <i>during, beyond, toward</i>).</li> <li>1j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Capitalize dates and names of people.</li> <li>2b. Use end punctuation for sentences.</li> <li>2c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.</li> <li>2d. Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.</li> <li>2e. Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>Knowledge of Language</b></p> <p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<p>3. (Begins in grade 2)</p> <p>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 1 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.</p> <p>4a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>4b. Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.</p> <p>4c. Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., <i>look</i>) and their inflectional forms (e.g., <i>looks, looked, looking</i>).</p> <p>4d. Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., <i>birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly</i>).</p> <p>5. With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>5a. Sort words into categories (e.g., colors, clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.</p> <p>5b. Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., a <i>duck</i> is a bird that swims; a <i>tiger</i> is a large cat with stripes).</p> <p>5c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are <i>cozy</i>).</p> <p>5d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., <i>look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl</i>) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., <i>large, gigantic</i>) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.</p> <p>6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., <i>because</i>).</p>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Two

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Understanding the organization and purpose of a text selection can help the reader answer questions about unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• In real life, comparisons help generate similarities and differences and help determine a focus.</li> <li>• Illustrations and words help the reader to understand the character, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• Characters in stories can serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know about the text?</li> <li>• What was the sequence of events in the story?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea? What details support the main idea, lesson, or moral?</li> <li>• What strategies can readers use to determine unfamiliar words in a text?</li> <li>• How can learning about the author’s and illustrator’s purposes aid in understanding a reading selection?</li> <li>• Why is the setting important?</li> <li>• How do the characters impact the events?</li> <li>• How do the events affect the characters?</li> <li>• How do illustrations and print work together to help us gather information?</li> <li>• How do characters demonstrate Catholic values and behaviors?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why, and how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.</li> <li>2. Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message (main idea), lesson, or moral.</li> <li>3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.</li> <li>4. Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.</li> <li>5. Describe the overall sequential structure of a story, describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.</li> <li>6. Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.</li> <li>7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.</li> <li>8. (Not applicable to literature)</li> <li>9. Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.</li> </ol>

	<b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b>	10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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## Reading Standards for Informational Text (RI) – Grade Two

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying important ideas and supporting details is essential to understanding what is read.</li> <li>• Words and phrases supply meaning to a selection.</li> <li>• Text features help the reader navigate the text.</li> <li>• Together the illustrations and print provide information.</li> <li>• Reading invites the reader to use new and prior knowledge and ideas to understand the world and the reader's place in the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the author want us to know and remember about the text?</li> <li>• How can we determine the main idea of the text selection?</li> <li>• How do particular words and phrases impact the meaning?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use descriptive words?</li> <li>• What information can be learned from previewing and locating the text features and components of a reading selection?</li> <li>• How do text features help us as we read a piece of informational text?</li> <li>• What is gained from examining both print and illustrations?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of materials?</li> <li>• How can we use prior knowledge and ideas to build upon the understanding of new material?</li> <li>• How can we learn to understand and respect others through reading?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why,</i> and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.</li> <li>2. Identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.</li> <li>3. Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.</li> <li>4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a <i>grade 2 topic or subject area</i>.</li> <li>5. Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.</li> <li>6. Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.</li> <li>7. Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.</li> <li>8. Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.</li> <li>9. Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.</li> </ol>

<p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<p>10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grade 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</p>
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## Reading Standards: Foundational Skills (RF) – Grade Two

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding reading and writing conventions helps the reader to better understand what is read.</li> <li>• Phonological awareness is an essential foundational skill that primes readers for reading print.</li> <li>• Words are made up of separate and blended sounds.</li> <li>• Phonics and word-analysis skills can be used to decode, read, and write new words.</li> <li>• Syllabication can help in decoding words.</li> <li>• Comprehension is influenced by the accuracy and rate with which the text is read.</li> <li>• Context clues help us to decipher meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do spaces on the page help us to make sense of the material we are reading?</li> <li>• How do the conventions of writing help us to read and comprehend what we read?</li>   <li>• How can the manipulation of sounds change a word’s meaning?</li> <li>• How can segmenting a word help when determining the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in words?</li>   <li>• How can we use what we know about one word to determine a word with that same beginning, middle, or ending sound?</li>   <li>• How does knowing phonetic rules help with decoding, reading, and spelling words?</li>   <li>• How does syllabication help us to decode and/or spell a word?</li>   <li>• Why is fluency important when reading?</li>   <li>• How can we use the illustrations and surrounding words to help us figure out an unknown word?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.	<p><b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b></p>          <p><b>Fluency</b></p>	<p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <p>3a. Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.</p> <p>3b. Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams.</p> <p>3c. Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels.</p> <p>3d. Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes.</p> <p>3e. Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences.</p> <p>3f. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</p> <p>4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.</p> <p>4a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.</p> <p>4b. Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.</p> <p>4c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.</p>



<p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>3.4 Students demonstrate the ability to be resourceful and creative.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>5.2 Students use creative thinking skills to develop or invent novel, constructive ideas or products.</p>	<p><b>Research to Build and Present Knowledge</b></p> <p><b>Range of Writing</b></p>	<p>7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).</p> <p>8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.</p> <p>9. (Begins in grade 4)</p> <p>10. (Begins in grade 3)</p>
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	<p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 2 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies..       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>4b. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., <i>happy/unhappy, tell/retell</i>).</li> <li>4c. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., <i>addition, additional</i>)</li> <li>4d. Use knowledge of compound words in oral and written expression.</li> <li>4e. Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are <i>spicy</i> or <i>juicy</i>).</li> <li>5b. Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., <i>toss, throw, hurl</i>) and closely related adjectives (e.g., <i>thin, slender, skinny, scrawny</i>).</li> <li>5c. Identify synonyms, antonyms, homophones, and homonyms.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., <i>When other kids are happy that makes me happy</i>).</li> </ol>
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## Writing (W) – Grade Three

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of text type is influenced by task, purpose, and audience.</li> <li>• Writing can be used to communicate new learning.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Effective writing includes the use of accurate facts and concrete details.</li> <li>• Using a formal writing process strengthens the written work.</li> <li>• Writing is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Computer skills are crucial in today's world.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we determine whether to write an opinion piece, an informative/explanatory piece, or a narrative piece?</li> <li>• How can we convey information and our ideas through dialogue?</li> <li>• How can we build upon our knowledge by seeking out new information?</li> <li>• How do we communicate new information?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to substantiate our writing with facts and details?</li> <li>• How do planning, revising, and editing enhance our writing?</li> <li>• Why is writing important?</li> <li>• How do we make our writing interesting?</li> <li>• How can the use of the computer help us to improve our writing?</li> <li>• What is plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize,</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.</li> <li>1b. Provide reasons that support the opinion.</li> <li>1c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., <i>because, therefore, since, for example</i>) to connect opinion and reasons.</li> <li>1d. Provide a concluding statement or section.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>2b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.</li> <li>2c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., <i>also, another, and, more, but</i>) to connect ideas within categories of information.</li> <li>2d. Provide a concluding statement or section.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Three

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The task, purpose, and audience help to determine the most effective way to communicate information.</li> <li>• Listening is important to the understanding of the message.</li> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> <li>• There are important rules for collaborative discussion.</li> <li>• To communicate, it is essential that the speaker is able to express ideas clearly.</li> <li>• Speech is a reflection of the speaker.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, it is important to express thoughts clearly.</li> <li>• When retelling a sequence of events or conveying a message, it is important to use appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.</li> <li>• Working collaboratively reflects our response to God’s call to love and care for others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does effective communication enhance learning?</li> <li>• How can we engage our audience with clear and concise presentations of our knowledge?</li> <li>• Why do we consider our audience when determining the best way to communicate our ideas?</li> <li>• How does listening help us to recall and retell the information that is presented to us?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> <li>• How can we gather, organize, and evaluate material through listening?</li> <li>• What is the difference between listening and hearing?</li> <li>• Why are the rules for discussion necessary?</li> <li>• Why do we ask questions when listening to a speaker?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• Why are there different presentation skills for different audiences?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate clearly?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to use correct grammar in speaking?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• How can we enhance our oral communication?</li> <li>• How does working collaboratively demonstrate our call to love and respect one another and share the gifts God has given to us?</li> <li>• How do others learn about our responsiveness to God’s message by what we say and the way we say it?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 3 topics and texts</i>, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p>



<p>communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>1b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).</li> <li>1c. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.</li> <li>1d. Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.</li> <li>2. Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</li> <li>3. Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</li> <li>4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.</li> <li>5. Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.</li> <li>6. Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification. (See grade 3 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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## Language (L) – Grade Three

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of words and phrases impacts the effectiveness of communication.</li> <li>• Rules of spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are essential for clarity and communication in writing.</li> <li>• Using correct grammar is important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Understanding Greek and Latin roots enables the reader to expand vocabulary and decipher unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Written work often includes literal and non-literal meanings for words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does word choice influence another’s understanding of our message?</li> <li>• What is the importance of knowing and using rules of writing?</li> <li>• Why is it necessary to use correct grammar in writing and speaking?</li> <li>• How can we use knowledge of root words and affixes to determine the meaning of unknown words?</li> <li>• How can we use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.</li> <li>1b. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.</li> <li>1c. Use abstract nouns (e.g., <i>childhood</i>).</li> <li>1d. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.</li> <li>1e. Form and use the simple (e.g., <i>I walked; I walk; I will walk</i>) verb tenses.</li> <li>1f. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.</li> <li>1g. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.</li> <li>1h. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.</li> <li>1i. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Capitalize appropriate words in titles.</li> <li>2b. Use commas in addresses.</li> <li>2c. Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.</li> <li>2d. Form and use possessives.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>Knowledge of Language</b></p> <p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<p>2e. Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., <i>sitting, smiled, cries, happiness</i>).</p> <p>2f. Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.</p> <p>2g. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.</p> <p>3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <p>3a. Choose words and phrases for effect.</p> <p>3b. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written Standard English.</p> <p>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 3 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>4a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>4b. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., <i>agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat</i>).</p> <p>4c. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., <i>company, companion</i>).</p> <p>4d. Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</p> <p>5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>5a. Distinguish the literal and non-literal meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., <i>take steps</i>).</p> <p>5b. Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., <i>knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered</i>).</p> <p>5c. Recognize and explain the meaning of words using synonyms, antonyms, homophones, and homonyms.</p> <p>6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., <i>After dinner that night we went looking for them</i>).</p>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Four

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading can be a source of knowledge and/or entertainment.</li> <li>• Illustrations and author’s point of view convey information and themes within a story.</li> <li>• Characters in stories can serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors.</li> <li>• Common themes can be found in multiple forms of writing throughout time.</li> <li>• Visual and oral presentations help to extend the meaning of the text and enhance the author’s point of view.</li> <li>• Visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, and beauty of a text, and enhance the author’s point of view.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we derive meaning from text?</li> <li>• How do we understand our world and its diversity through reading?</li> <li>• How do the illustrations extend our understanding of the story?</li> <li>• How can comparing and contrasting major themes of different stories, written by the same author, help us to understand the author’s point of view?</li> <li>• How do characters demonstrate Catholic values and behaviors?</li> <li>• How do themes in parables relate to themes in stories, poems, folktales, and fables?</li> <li>• How do visual and oral presentations extend the understanding of the story?</li> <li>• How does comparing and contrasting major themes and topics in stories, myths, and literature help us to understand information in the reading?</li> <li>• How do multimedia elements extend our understanding of the story?</li> <li>• How does comparing and contrasting stories of the same genre help us to understand similar themes and topics?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.</li> <li>3. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).</li> <li>4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).</li> <li>5. Explain major differences in poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.</li> <li>6. Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.</li> </ol>









## Reading Standards: Foundational Skills (RF) – Grade Four

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns help to make sense of print.</li> <li>• Phonics and word recognition skills can be used to decode, read, and write unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Reading is important to daily life and understanding how words are formed and origins of words leads to fluency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we make sense of printed information?</li> <li>• How can we use phonics and word recognition skills to determine unfamiliar words?</li> <li>• How can we use what we know about root words and affixes to determine unfamiliar words?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read fluently?</li> <li>• How can knowing word origins help to improve reading fluency?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.	<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b>  <b>Fluency</b>	3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. 3a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.  4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. 4a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. 4b. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. 4c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

## Writing (W) – Grade Four

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of text type is influenced by task, purpose, and audience.</li> <li>• Writing can be used to communicate new learning.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Effective writing includes the use of accurate facts and concrete details.</li> <li>• Using a formal writing process strengthens the written work.</li> <li>• Writing is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Computer skills are crucial in today's world.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we determine whether to write an opinion piece, an informative/explanatory piece, or a narrative piece?</li> <li>• How can we convey information and our ideas through dialogue?</li> <li>• How can we build upon our knowledge by seeking out new information?</li> <li>• How do we communicate new information?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to substantiate our writing with facts and details?</li> <li>• How do planning, revising, and editing enhance our writing?</li> <li>• Why is writing important?</li> <li>• How do we make our writing interesting?</li> <li>• How can the use of the computer help us to improve our writing?</li> <li>• What is plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce the topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.</li> <li>1b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</li> <li>1c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., <i>for instance, in order to, in addition</i>).</li> <li>1d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension</li> <li>2b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Four

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The task, purpose, and audience help to determine the most effective way to communicate information.</li> <li>• Listening is important to the understanding of the message.</li> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> <li>• There are important rules for collaborative discussion.</li> <li>• To communicate, it is essential that the speaker is able to express ideas clearly.</li> <li>• Speech is a reflection of the speaker.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, it is important to express thoughts clearly.</li> <li>• When retelling a sequence of events or conveying a message, it is important to use appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.</li> <li>• Working collaboratively reflects our response to God’s call to love and care for others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does effective communication enhance learning?</li> <li>• How can we engage our audience with clear and concise presentations of our knowledge?</li> <li>• Why do we consider our audience when determining the best way to communicate our ideas?</li> <li>• How does listening help us to recall and retell the information that is presented to us?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> <li>• How can we gather, organize, and evaluate material through listening?</li> <li>• What is the difference between listening and hearing?</li> <li>• Why are the rules for discussion necessary?</li> <li>• Why do we ask questions when listening to a speaker?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• Why are there different presentation skills for different audiences?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate clearly?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to use correct grammar in speaking?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• How can we enhance our oral communication?</li> <li>• How does working collaboratively demonstrate our call to love and respect one another and share the gifts God has given to us?</li> <li>• How do others learn about our responsiveness to God’s message by what we say and the way we say it?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 4 topics and texts</i>, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p>

<p>communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>1b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.</li> <li>1c. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.</li> <li>1d. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.</li> <li>2. Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</li> <li>3. Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.</li> <li>4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</li> <li>5. Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.</li> <li>6. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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## Language (L) – Grade Four

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of words and phrases impacts the effectiveness of communication.</li> <li>• Rules of spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are essential for clarity and communication in writing.</li> <li>• Using correct grammar is important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Understanding Greek and Latin roots enables the reader to expand vocabulary and decipher unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Written work often includes literal and non-literal meanings for words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does word choice influence another’s understanding of our message?</li> <li>• What is the importance of knowing and using rules of writing?</li> <li>• Why is it necessary to use correct grammar in writing and speaking?</li> <li>• How can we use knowledge of root words and affixes to determine the meaning of unknown words?</li> <li>• How can we use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Use relative pronouns (<i>who, whose, whom, which, that</i>) and relative adverbs (<i>where, when, why</i>).</li> <li>1b. Form and use the progressive (e.g., <i>I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking</i>) verb tenses.</li> <li>1c. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., <i>can, may, must</i>) to convey various conditions.</li> <li>1d. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., <i>a small red bag</i> rather than <i>a red small bag</i>).</li> <li>1e. Form and use prepositional phrases.</li> <li>1f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.</li> <li>1g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., <i>to, too, two; there, their</i>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Use correct capitalization.</li> <li>2b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.</li> <li>2c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p> <p>5.1 Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p> <p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<p>6. Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.</p> <p>7. Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.</p> <p>8. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).</p> <p>9. Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.</p> <p>10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4-5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.</p>
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## Reading Standards: Foundational Skills (RF) – Grade Five

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Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns help to make sense of print.</li> <li>• Phonics and word recognition skills can be used to decode, read, and write unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Reading is important to daily life and understanding how words are formed and origins of words leads to fluency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we make sense of printed information?</li> <li>• How can we use phonics and word recognition skills to determine unfamiliar words?</li> <li>• How can we use what we know about root words and affixes to determine unfamiliar words?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read fluently?</li> <li>• How can knowing word origins help to improve reading fluency?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p>	<p><b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b></p> <p><b>Fluency</b></p>	<p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <p>3a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.</p> <p>4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.</p> <p>4a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.</p> <p>4b. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.</p> <p>4c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.</p>

## Writing (W) – Grade Five

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of text type is influenced by task, purpose, and audience.</li> <li>• Writing can be used to communicate new learning.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Effective writing includes the use of accurate facts and concrete details.</li> <li>• Using a formal writing process strengthens the written work.</li> <li>• Writing is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Computer skills are crucial in today's world.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we determine whether to write an opinion piece, an informative/explanatory piece, or a narrative piece?</li> <li>• How can we convey information and our ideas through dialogue?</li> <li>• How can we build upon our knowledge by seeking out new information?</li> <li>• How do we communicate new information?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to substantiate our writing with facts and details?</li> <li>• How do planning, revising, and editing enhance our writing?</li> <li>• Why is writing important?</li> <li>• How do we make our writing interesting?</li> <li>• How can the use of the computer help us to improve our writing?</li> <li>• What is plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.</li> <li>1b. Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details.</li> <li>1c. Link opinions and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., <i>consequently, specifically</i>).</li> <li>1d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>2b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<b>Range of Writing</b>	10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Five

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The task, purpose, and audience help to determine the most effective way to communicate information.</li> <li>• Listening is important to the understanding of the message.</li> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> <li>• There are important rules for collaborative discussion.</li> <li>• To communicate, it is essential that the speaker is able to express ideas clearly.</li> <li>• Speech is a reflection of the speaker.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, it is important to express thoughts clearly.</li> <li>• When retelling a sequence of events or conveying a message, it is important to use appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.</li> <li>• Working collaboratively reflects our response to God’s call to love and care for others.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does effective communication enhance learning?</li> <li>• How can we engage our audience with clear and concise presentations of our knowledge?</li> <li>• Why do we consider our audience when determining the best way to communicate our ideas?</li> <li>• How does listening help us to recall and retell the information that is presented to us?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> <li>• How can we gather, organize, and evaluate material through listening?</li> <li>• What is the difference between listening and hearing?</li> <li>• Why are the rules for discussion necessary?</li> <li>• Why do we ask questions when listening to a speaker?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• Why are there different presentation skills for different audiences?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate clearly?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to use correct grammar in speaking?</li> <li>• How can we effectively express our ideas to our audience?</li> <li>• How can we enhance our oral communication?</li> <li>• How does working collaboratively demonstrate our call to love and respect one another and share the gifts God has given to us?</li> <li>• How do others learn about our responsiveness to God’s message by what we say and the way we say it?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 5 topics and texts</i>, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p>

<p>communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>1b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.</li> <li>1c. Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.</li> <li>1d. Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.</li> <li>2. Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</li> <li>3. Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.</li> <li>4. Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</li> <li>5. Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.</li> <li>6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 5 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The choice of words and phrases impacts the effectiveness of communication.</li> <li>• Rules of spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are essential for clarity and communication in writing.</li> <li>• Using correct grammar is important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Understanding Greek and Latin roots enables the reader to expand vocabulary and decipher unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Written work often includes literal and non-literal meanings for words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does word choice influence another’s understanding of our message?</li> <li>• What is the importance of knowing and using rules of writing?</li> <li>• Why is it necessary to use correct grammar in writing and speaking?</li> <li>• How can we use knowledge of root words and affixes to determine the meaning of unknown words?</li> <li>• How can we use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases?</li> </ul>	
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<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.</li> <li>1b. Form and use the perfect (e.g., <i>I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked</i>) verb tenses.</li> <li>1c. Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.</li> <li>1d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.</li> <li>1e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., <i>either/or, neither/nor</i>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series.</li> <li>2b. Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.</li> <li>2c. Use a comma to set off the words <i>yes</i> and <i>no</i> (e.g., <i>Yes, thank you</i>), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., <i>It’s true, isn’t it?</i>), and to indicate direct address (e.g., <i>Is that you, Steve?</i>).</li> <li>2d. Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works.</li> <li>2e. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>Knowledge of Language</b></p> <p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.</li> <li>3b. Compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., dialects, registers) used in stories, dramas, or poems.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 5 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>4b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>photograph</i>, <i>photosynthesis</i>).</li> <li>4c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.</li> <li>5b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.</li> <li>5c. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., <i>however</i>, <i>although</i>, <i>nevertheless</i>, <i>similarly</i>, <i>moreover</i>, <i>in addition</i>).</li> </ol>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Six

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central themes are developed over the course of a text through the characters, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• An author uses dialogue to communicate important information.</li> <li>• Using text evidence strengthens the understanding of text.</li> <li>• Comparing and contrasting multiple texts or other mediums on the same topic or by the same author contributes to deeper understanding of text.</li> <li>• Reading a variety of texts is important for expanding knowledge and understanding the world.</li> <li>• Readers form images when reading.</li> <li>• Different forms or genres approach themes or topics differently.</li> <li>• Similar themes, characters, and events can be found in works of fiction throughout time.</li> <li>• Authors choose words and phrases carefully and for specific purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does an understanding of the characters, setting, and plot help us to identify the central idea?</li> <li>• How does reading shape values and morals?</li> <li>• How do we learn about the character and other story elements through dialogue?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to cite evidence from the text to support thinking?</li> <li>• How does comparing and contrasting texts, videos, audios, and live versions support our understanding?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of challenging texts?</li> <li>• Why do images formed when reading a text often differ from those seen while viewing a video or live performance of that text?</li> <li>• Why does a video or live version of a text often differ from the original work?</li> <li>• How would the genre impact the approach an author uses?</li> <li>• Why might the fictional account of a time differ from the historical account?</li> <li>• How do characters, themes, or events from a particular modern work of fiction resemble characters, themes, or events from myths and traditional stories?</li> <li>• How do characters in stories serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors?</li> <li>• How do themes in parables relate to themes in stories, poems, folktales, and fables?</li> <li>• How does word choice impact the overall text?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.</li> </ol>









## Writing (W) – Grade Six

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<b>Essential Understandings</b>	<b>Guided Questions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the writing process allows students to engage in specific steps for communicating ideas.</li> <li>• Computer skills are essential in today's world.</li> <li>• Considering the task, purpose, and audience is important to effective writing.</li> <li>• Ethical procedures are required for the use of technology.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Information found in various sources can differ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the writing process help us to strengthen our writing and communicate ideas more effectively?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to gather information?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to improve our writing?</li> <li>• How do the task, purpose, and audience influence the organization and style used in our writing?</li> <li>• How do we determine the most appropriate form of writing in a particular situation?</li> <li>• How do we assure ethical practices when using technology?</li> <li>• What are the ethical and legal implications of Internet use?</li> <li>• How do we avoid plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to refer to multiple sources when gathering information?</li> <li>• How does the researcher determine if a source is credible?</li> </ul>	
<b>Academic Expectations</b>	<b>Anchor Standard Strand</b>	<b>Standards</b>
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.</li> <li>1b. Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li> <li>1c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.</li> <li>1d. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>1e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>2b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



	<b>Range of Writing</b>	10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Six

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is essential to be able to work with others and discuss what is encountered in the classroom.</li> <li>• Organization, clarity, and focus are essential in presenting information.</li> <li>• Verbal and non-verbal communication skills improve oral presentations.</li> <li>• Multimedia and visual displays enhance oral presentations.</li> <li>• The way a speaker communicates depends on the topic, purpose, and audience.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, you must express your thoughts clearly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You must listen to obtain information.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we effectively convey to others what we know?</li> <li>• Why are there rules to guide collaborative work and discussions?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate ideas in a clear, organized way?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker talks influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker acts influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• What makes a good oral presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of both verbal and non-verbal communication impact the clarity of a presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of multimedia and visual displays help us to improve our oral presentations?</li> <li>• When would it be acceptable to use informal English in an oral presentation?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use formal English for some speeches?</li> <li>• How would an oral presentation change for different audiences?</li> <li>• How does the use of specific words, rate of speech, expression, and concrete evidence help us to express our thoughts clearly?</li> <li>• How can compassion and understanding be increased through listening?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 6 topics, texts, and issues</i>, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>1b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>1c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</p>

<p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<p>1d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.</li> <li>2. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.</li> <li>3. Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.</li> <li>4. Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.</li> <li>5. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 6 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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## Language (L) – Grade Six

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of grammar, mechanics, usage, and spelling are important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Students use collaborative skills and critical thinking skills to create original writing.</li> <li>• Students write for a variety of purposes including narrative, informational, and argumentative writing.</li> <li>• Effectively using our language is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Language can be used to achieve desired effects.</li> <li>• The use of phonics skills and known words assist in decoding and understanding unknown or multiple-meaning words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to correctly use grammar and mechanics in speaking? In writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to spell words correctly in written communication?</li> <li>• How does collaboration improve our writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to write for a variety of purposes?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use our language correctly when writing, speaking, reading, or listening?</li> <li>• How does good communication affect understanding?</li> <li>• How can we use language to make ideas more interesting and exciting?</li> <li>• How can we use language to show our emotions?</li> <li>• How can we use language to help our audience visualize our ideas?</li> <li>• How can our understanding of Greek and Latin roots and affixes help us to determine the meaning of new words?</li> <li>• How can knowledge of language and conventions help us with writing, reading, and speaking?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).</li> <li>1b. Use intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself</i>, <i>ourselves</i>).</li> <li>1c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.</li> <li>1d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).</li> <li>1e. Recognize variations from Standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.</li> <li>2b. Spell correctly.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p>of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Knowledge of Language</b></p> <p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.</li> <li>3b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 6 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>4b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience, auditory, audible</i>).</li> <li>4c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</li> <li>4d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.</li> <li>5b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.</li> <li>5c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy, scrimping, economical, thrifty</i>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</li> </ol>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Seven

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central themes are developed over the course of a text through the characters, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• An author uses dialogue to communicate important information.</li> <li>• Using text evidence strengthens the understanding of text.</li> <li>• Comparing and contrasting multiple texts or other mediums on the same topic or by the same author contributes to deeper understanding of text.</li> <li>• Reading a variety of texts is important for expanding knowledge and understanding the world.</li> <li>• Readers form images when reading.</li> <li>• Different forms or genres approach themes or topics differently.</li> <li>• Similar themes, characters, and events can be found in works of fiction throughout time.</li> <li>• Authors choose words and phrases carefully and for specific purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does an understanding of the characters, setting, and plot help us to identify the central idea?</li> <li>• How does reading shape values and morals?</li> <li>• How do we learn about the character and other story elements through dialogue?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to cite evidence from the text to support thinking?</li> <li>• How does comparing and contrasting texts, videos, audios, and live versions support our understanding?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of challenging texts?</li> <li>• Why do images formed when reading a text often differ from those seen while viewing a video or live performance of that text?</li> <li>• Why does a video or live version of a text often differ from the original work?</li> <li>• How would the genre impact the approach an author uses?</li> <li>• Why might the fictional account of a time differ from the historical account?</li> <li>• How do characters, themes, or events from a particular modern work of fiction resemble characters, themes, or events from myths and traditional stories?</li> <li>• How do characters in stories serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors?</li> <li>• How do themes in parables relate to themes in stories, poems, folktales, and fables?</li> <li>• How does word choice impact the overall text?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.</li> </ol>



## Reading Standards for Informational Text (RI) – Grade Seven

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writers use specific words, phrases, and formats to convey meaning.</li> <li>• Topics and ideas are presented in print and digital text, video, and multimedia formats or mediums.</li> <li>• Information in text is backed up by arguments or claims using reasoning and evidence.</li> <li>• Particular periods and events in history or scientific work and discoveries can reflect Catholic beliefs and values.</li> <li>• Texts can have conflicting information on the same topic.</li> <li>• Phonics and word recognition skills as well as context can be used to identify unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Wide reading enhances the ability to understand and respect diversity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the author of a text affect our understanding of the text?</li> <li>• Why is a particular format effective for understanding and interpreting information?</li> <li>• Why would another medium have been more effective to present the information?</li> <li>• What strategies did the writer use to come to his/her conclusions?</li> <li>• Why is it important to determine whether or not the writer used relevant evidence and credible sources to back up an argument or claim?</li> <li>• Why should readers retrace the reasoning used by a writer to back up information?</li> <li>• How can particular periods and events in history or scientific work and discoveries support or veer from Catholic beliefs and values?</li> <li>• How can texts on the same topic have different facts?</li> <li>• How can we determine the correct information in two texts that have conflicting information?</li> <li>• How can interpretation of facts or point of view lead to differences in informational texts?</li> <li>• How can religious, political, and cultural beliefs influence facts or interpretation of facts?</li> <li>• How do we find the meaning of new words or phrases?</li> <li>• How does the structure of a text help us to understand it?</li> <li>• How can we learn to understand and respect diverse cultures and traditions through reading?</li> <li>• What role can wide reading play in encouraging us to reach out and serve those in need?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.</li> <li>3. Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).</li> <li>4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.</li> </ol>



## Writing (W) – Grade Seven

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the writing process allows students to engage in specific steps for communicating ideas.</li> <li>• Computer skills are essential in today's world.</li> <li>• Considering the task, purpose, and audience is important to effective writing.</li> <li>• Ethical procedures are required for the use of technology.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Information found in various sources can differ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the writing process help us to strengthen our writing and communicate ideas more effectively?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to gather information?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to improve our writing?</li> <li>• How do the task, purpose, and audience influence the organization and style used in our writing?</li> <li>• How do we determine the most appropriate form of writing in a particular situation?</li> <li>• How do we assure ethical practices when using technology?</li> <li>• What are the ethical and legal implications of Internet use?</li> <li>• How do we avoid plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to refer to multiple sources when gathering information?</li> <li>• How does the researcher determine if a source is credible?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.</li> <li>1b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li> <li>1c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.</li> <li>1d. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>1e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



	<b>Range of Writing</b>	<p>9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <p>9a. Apply <i>grade 7 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.”).</p> <p>9b. Apply <i>grade 7 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.”).</p> <p>10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>
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## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Seven

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is essential to be able to work with others and discuss what is encountered in the classroom.</li> <li>• Organization, clarity, and focus are essential in presenting information.</li> <li>• Verbal and non-verbal communication skills improve oral presentations.</li> <li>• Multimedia and visual displays enhance oral presentations.</li> <li>• The way a speaker communicates depends on the topic, purpose, and audience.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, you must express your thoughts clearly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You must listen to obtain information.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we effectively convey to others what we know?</li> <li>• Why are there rules to guide collaborative work and discussions?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate ideas in a clear, organized way?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker talks influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker acts influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• What makes a good oral presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of both verbal and non-verbal communication impact the clarity of a presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of multimedia and visual displays help us to improve our oral presentations?</li> <li>• When would it be acceptable to use informal English in an oral presentation?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use formal English for some speeches?</li> <li>• How would an oral presentation change for different audiences?</li> <li>• How does the use of specific words, rate of speech, expression, and concrete evidence help us to express our thoughts clearly?</li> <li>• How can compassion and understanding be increased through listening?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 7 topics, texts, and issues</i>, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>1b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>1c. Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.</p> <p>1d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, modify their own views.</p>



<p>2.59 Students demonstrate an understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.</li> <li>3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.</li> <li>4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.</li> <li>5. Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.</li> <li>6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 7 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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## Language (L) – Grade Seven

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of grammar, mechanics, usage, and spelling are important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Students use collaborative skills and critical thinking skills to create original writing.</li> <li>• Students write for a variety of purposes including narrative, informational, and argumentative writing.</li> <li>• Effectively using our language is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Language can be used to achieve desired effects.</li> <li>• The use of phonics skills and known words assist in decoding and understanding unknown or multiple-meaning words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to correctly use grammar and mechanics in speaking? In writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to spell words correctly in written communication?</li> <li>• How does collaboration improve our writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to write for a variety of purposes?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use our language correctly when writing, speaking, reading, or listening?</li> <li>• How does good communication affect understanding?</li> <li>• How can we use language to make ideas more interesting and exciting?</li> <li>• How can we use language to show our emotions?</li> <li>• How can we use language to help our audience visualize our ideas?</li> <li>• How can our understanding of Greek and Latin roots and affixes help us to determine the meaning of new words?</li> <li>• How can knowledge of language and conventions help us with writing, reading, and speaking?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.</li> <li>1b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.</li> <li>1c. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., <i>It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie</i> but not <i>He wore an old [,] green shirt</i>).</li> <li>2b. Spell correctly.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Knowledge of Language</b></p> <p><b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 7 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>4b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>belligerent</i>, <i>bellicose</i>, <i>rebel</i>).</li> <li>4c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</li> <li>4d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.</li> <li>5b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.</li> <li>5c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>refined</i>, <i>respectful</i>, <i>polite</i>, <i>diplomatic</i>, <i>condescending</i>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</li> </ol>
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## Reading Literature (RL) – Grade Eight

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central themes are developed over the course of a text through the characters, setting, and plot.</li> <li>• An author uses dialogue to communicate important information.</li> <li>• Using text evidence strengthens the understanding of text.</li> <li>• Comparing and contrasting multiple texts or other mediums on the same topic or by the same author contributes to deeper understanding of text.</li> <li>• Reading a variety of texts is important for expanding knowledge and understanding the world.</li> <li>• Readers form images when reading.</li> <li>• Different forms or genres approach themes or topics differently.</li> <li>• Similar themes, characters, and events can be found in works of fiction throughout time.</li> <li>• Authors choose words and phrases carefully and for specific purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does an understanding of the characters, setting, and plot help us to identify the central idea?</li> <li>• How does reading shape values and morals?</li> <li>• How do we learn about the character and other story elements through dialogue?</li> <li>• Why is it essential to cite evidence from the text to support thinking?</li> <li>• How does comparing and contrasting texts, videos, audios, and live versions support our understanding?</li> <li>• Why is it important to read a variety of challenging texts?</li> <li>• Why do images formed when reading a text often differ from those seen while viewing a video or live performance of that text?</li> <li>• Why does a video or live version of a text often differ from the original work?</li> <li>• How would the genre impact the approach an author uses?</li> <li>• Why might the fictional account of a time differ from the historical account?</li> <li>• How do characters, themes, or events from a particular modern work of fiction resemble characters, themes, or events from myths and traditional stories?</li> <li>• How do characters in stories serve as models of Catholic values and behaviors?</li> <li>• How do themes in parables relate to themes in stories, poems, folktales, and fables?</li> <li>• How does word choice impact the overall text?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</li> </ol>



## Reading Standards for Informational Text (RI) – Grade Eight

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writers use specific words, phrases, and formats to convey meaning.</li> <li>• Topics and ideas are presented in print and digital text, video, and multimedia formats or mediums.</li> <li>• Information in text is backed up by arguments or claims using reasoning and evidence.</li> <li>• Particular periods and events in history or scientific work and discoveries can reflect Catholic beliefs and values.</li> <li>• Texts can have conflicting information on the same topic.</li> <li>• Phonics and word recognition skills as well as context can be used to identify unfamiliar words.</li> <li>• Wide reading enhances the ability to understand and respect diversity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the author of a text affect our understanding of the text?</li> <li>• Why is a particular format effective for understanding and interpreting information?</li> <li>• Why would another medium have been more effective to present the information?</li> <li>• What strategies did the writer use to come to his/her conclusions?</li> <li>• Why is it important to determine whether or not the writer used relevant evidence and credible sources to back up an argument or claim?</li> <li>• Why should readers retrace the reasoning used by a writer to back up information?</li> <li>• How can particular periods and events in history or scientific work and discoveries support or veer from Catholic beliefs and values?</li> <li>• How can texts on the same topic have different facts?</li> <li>• How can we determine the correct information in two texts that have conflicting information?</li> <li>• How can interpretation of facts or point of view lead to differences in informational texts?</li> <li>• How can religious, political, and cultural beliefs influence facts or interpretation of facts?</li> <li>• How do we find the meaning of new words or phrases?</li> <li>• How does the structure of a text help us to understand it?</li> <li>• How can we learn to understand and respect diverse cultures and traditions through reading?</li> <li>• What role can wide reading play in encouraging us to reach out and serve those in need?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, and computer reference programs and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.2 Students make sense of the variety of materials they read.</p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</li> <li>2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</li> <li>3. Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).</li> </ol>





## Writing (W) – Grade Eight

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Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the writing process allows students to engage in specific steps for communicating ideas.</li> <li>• Computer skills are essential in today's world.</li> <li>• Considering the task, purpose, and audience is important to effective writing.</li> <li>• Ethical procedures are required for the use of technology.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> <li>• Our written work is a reflection of the person that we are.</li> <li>• Information found in various sources can differ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the writing process help us to strengthen our writing and communicate ideas more effectively?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to gather information?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to improve our writing?</li> <li>• How do the task, purpose, and audience influence the organization and style used in our writing?</li> <li>• How do we determine the most appropriate form of writing in a particular situation?</li> <li>• How do we assure ethical practices when using technology?</li> <li>• What are the ethical and legal implications of Internet use?</li> <li>• How do we avoid plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> <li>• How can what we write reflect our character?</li> <li>• Why is it important to refer to multiple sources when gathering information?</li> <li>• How does the researcher determine if a source is credible?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.1 Students use reference tools such as dictionaries, almanacs, encyclopedias, computer reference programs, and research tools such as interviews and surveys to find the information they need to meet specific demands, explore interests, or solve specific problems.</p> <p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Text Types and Purposes</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.</li> <li>1b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li> <li>1c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.</li> <li>1d. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>1e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



	<p><b>Range of Writing</b></p>	<p>9a. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works, including describing how the material is rendered new.”).</p> <p>9b. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.”).</p> <p>10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>
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## Speaking and Listening (SL) – Grade Eight

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is essential to be able to work with others and discuss what is encountered in the classroom.</li> <li>• Organization, clarity, and focus are essential in presenting information.</li> <li>• Verbal and non-verbal communication skills improve oral presentations.</li> <li>• Multimedia and visual displays enhance oral presentations.</li> <li>• The way a speaker communicates depends on the topic, purpose, and audience.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To communicate, you must express your thoughts clearly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You must listen to obtain information.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a difference between listening and hearing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we effectively convey to others what we know?</li> <li>• Why are there rules to guide collaborative work and discussions?</li> <li>• Why is it important to communicate ideas in a clear, organized way?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker talks influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• How does the way a speaker acts influence the effectiveness of the speech?</li> <li>• What makes a good oral presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of both verbal and non-verbal communication impact the clarity of a presentation?</li> <li>• How can the use of multimedia and visual displays help us to improve our oral presentations?</li> <li>• When would it be acceptable to use informal English in an oral presentation?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use formal English for some speeches?</li> <li>• How would an oral presentation change for different audiences?</li> <li>• How does the use of specific words, rate of speech, expression, and concrete evidence help us to express our thoughts clearly?</li> <li>• How can compassion and understanding be increased through listening?</li> <li>• What skills does it take to be a good listener?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.4 Students make sense of the various messages to which they listen.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.16 Students use computers and other kinds of technology to collect, organize, and communicate information and ideas.</p> <p>2.59 Students demonstrate an</p>	<p><b>Comprehension and Collaboration</b></p>	<p>1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 8 topics, texts, and issues</i>, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>1a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>1b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>1c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>1d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p>

<p>understanding of Catholic principles foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>4.2 Students use productive team membership skills.</p>	<p><b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.</li> <li>3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.</li> <li>4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.</li> <li>5. Integrate multimedia and visual displays in presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.</li> <li>6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)</li> </ol>
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## Language (L) – Grade Eight

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of grammar, mechanics, usage, and spelling are important to effective written and oral communication.</li> <li>• Students use collaborative skills and critical thinking skills to create original writing.</li> <li>• Students write for a variety of purposes including narrative, informational, and argumentative writing.</li> <li>• Effectively using our language is essential to communication.</li> <li>• Language can be used to achieve desired effects.</li> <li>• The use of phonics skills and known words assist in decoding and understanding unknown or multiple-meaning words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to correctly use grammar and mechanics in speaking? In writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to spell words correctly in written communication?</li> <li>• How does collaboration improve our writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to write for a variety of purposes?</li> <li>• Why is it important to use our language correctly when writing, speaking, reading, or listening?</li> <li>• How does good communication affect understanding?</li> <li>• How can we use language to make ideas more interesting and exciting?</li> <li>• How can we use language to show our emotions?</li> <li>• How can we use language to help our audience visualize our ideas?</li> <li>• How can our understanding of Greek and Latin roots and affixes help us to determine the meaning of new words?</li> <li>• How can knowledge of language and conventions help us with writing, reading, and speaking?</li> </ul>	
Academic Expectations	Anchor Standard Strand	Standards
<p>1.11 Students write using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.</p> <p>2.37 Students demonstrate skills and work habits that lead to success in future schooling and work.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding</p>	<p><b>Conventions of Standard English</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.</li> <li>1b. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.</li> <li>1c. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.</li> <li>1d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.</li> <li>2b. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.</li> <li>2c. Spell correctly.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p>foundational to all relationships.</p> <p>6.3 Students expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p><b>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</b></p>	<p>10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.</p>
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## Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (WHST) Grades Six - Eight

Essential Understandings	Guided Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writers use domain-specific words and phrases and various formats to convey meaning.</li> <li>• Technology plays a critical role in gathering reliable information.</li> <li>• Ethical procedures are required for the use of technology.</li> <li>• The words that others write belong only to them.</li> <li>• Information found in various sources can differ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the author of a text affect our understanding of the text?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to gather information?</li> <li>• How can we use technology to improve our written communication on a particular topic?</li> <li>• How do we assure ethical practices when using technology?</li> <li>• What are the ethical and legal implications of Internet use?</li> <li>• How do we avoid plagiarism?</li> <li>• Why must we respect an author's ownership of his or her writing?</li> <li>• Why is it important to refer to multiple sources when gathering information for our written work?</li> <li>• How does the researcher determine if a source is credible?</li> </ul>



