

Literacy Key by Grade & Term

	Key Features of Grade K-1 Texts:
Year end Kindergarten/Beginning Grade 1	<p>TIME: 10 - 15 minutes of sustained side by side reading</p> <p>TEXT FEATURES: limited text per page, large font, picture cues, predictable patterns, basic text and/or simple story line. At least 1 sentence per page, fairly large font, regular use of sight words, some picture cues, increasingly complex text and/or story line.</p>
Mid Grade 1	
Year end Grade 1 / Beginning Grade 2	
	Key Features of Grade 2 Texts:
Beginning Grade 2	<p>TIME: 15 - 20 minutes of sustained side by side reading</p> <p>TEXT FEATURES: several sentences per page, smaller font, fewer pictures that don't always directly relate to the text, clear beginning, middle & end, simple dialogue, simple chapter books</p>
Mid Grade 2	
Year-end 2/Beginning Grade 3	
	Key Features of Grade 3 Texts:
Beginning Grade 3	<p>TIME: 20 - 30 minutes of sustained reading</p> <p>TEXT FEATURES: paragraph(s) per page, small font, fewer/no pictures, clear beginning, middle & end, frequent dialogue, longer chapter books</p>
Mid Grade 3	
Year end Grade 3/Beginning Grade 4	
	Key Features of Grade 4 Texts:
Beginning Grade 4	<p>TIME: 30 - 40 minutes of sustained reading</p> <p>TEXT FEATURES: paragraphs per page, small font, no pictures, detailed beginning, middle & end, dialogue, longer chapter books, multisyllabic words, complex vocabulary, intermediate content & organizational structure</p>
Mid Grade 4	
Year end 4/Beginning Grade 5	
	Key Features of Grade 5 Texts:
Beginning Grade 5	<p>TIME: 40 - 50 minutes of sustained reading</p> <p>TEXT FEATURES: paragraphs per page, small font, no pictures, elaborate beginning, middle & end, longer chapter books, multisyllabic words, increasingly complex vocabulary, sophisticated content & organizational structure</p>
Mid Grade 5	
Year end Grade 5/Beginning Grade 6	