

Kindergarten ELA Expectations:

Your child is expected to achieve these skills by 40 weeks

Recognizes alphabet (uppercase and lowercase)

S: recognizes all 52 letters

D: recognizes 26–51 letters

N: recognizes fewer than 26 letters

Verbalizes letter sounds (all letter sounds including the long and short vowel sounds)

S: verbalizes all 26 letter sounds

D: verbalizes 13–25 letters sounds

N: verbalizes fewer than 13 letter sounds

Blends sounds into words (child is shown and word and asked to blend sounds to read the word)

S: blends 10 words

D: blends 5–9 words

N: blends 0–4 words

Identifies punctuation (. ! ?)

S: identifies all 3

D: identifies 1–2

N: identifies 0

Recognizes sight words (child is shown the word and asked to identify)

S: recognizes and reads all 50 words

D: recognizes and reads 16–49 words

N: recognizes and reads 0–15 words

Writes with sound/symbol correspondence to intended writing (a sentence is given and child is asked to write it. There is a total of 36 sounds in the sentence)

S: 36/36 from dictated sentence

D: 16–35 from dictated sentence

N: less than 15 from a dictated sentence

Prints first and last name (child is asked to write their full name with correct uppercase and lowercase letters and no letter reversals)

S: writes both proper first/last names consistently correct

D: both inconsistently

N: unable to spell first name correctly

Writes complete sentences with conventions

S: writes a complete sentence using proper capitalization, finger spaces, and end punctuation.

D: writes a complete sentence missing conventions.

N: writes an incomplete sentence without conventions.