

Welcome to the Language Arts section for kindergarten through second grade! Here tutors can browse resources located in the Tutoring Room in order to better plan weekly sessions with their student. The resources on the actual list are separated into 'activities', 'books' and 'worksheets' because we understand that each student learns differently.

If you wish to view the standards being taught in Kentucky public schools, feel free to visit the Common Core Standards (link to: <http://www.corestandards.org/the-standards/english-language-arts-standards>) website. Here you will find subject and grade breakdowns for the expectations held in most schools in Fayette County.

### **Kindergarten**

- Phonics
- Sight Words
- Alphabet/Handwriting
- Reading Comprehension
- Spelling
- Writing/Grammar

### **First Grade**

- Phonics
- Sight Words
- Alphabet/Handwriting
- Reading Comprehension
- Spelling
- Writing/Grammar

### **Second Grade**

- Phonics
- Sight Words
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Spelling
- Writing/Grammar

### **Kindergarten**

- Phonics
  - **Activities**
    - Silly Rhymes - Create funny rhymes and practice sentence making Ages 4-7
    - Phonic Strips: Vowel Sounds - Match the tiles that have the same vowel sound Ages 5+
    - Initial Consonants Bingo - Learn letter sounds with 42 photo words Ages 4+
  - **Books**
    - Short Vowels - Grades K-1
    - Short Vowel A - Grades K-2
    - That Cat! - A phonics-based story for grades K-2
- Sight Words
  - **Activities**
    - Sight Words Flash Cards - Ages 4+
    - Beginning Language Roll & Learn - Pocket cubes for language learning Ages 5+
  - **Books**
    - Sight Word Readers – A series of short books that help with groups of words that kindergartners should know
  - **Worksheets**
    - Sight Words K-3 – Practice vocabulary skills with the sight word lists separated by grade level
    - Sight Word Activities – Put the word lists to good use with these suggested activities for a tutoring session
- Alphabet/Handwriting
  - **Activities**
    - Alphabet Puzzle - A puzzle that include pictures of words that start with each letter

- Alphabet Activity Cards - Cards that have pictures that correspond to each respective letter of the alphabet
    - Letter Tiles - Upper & lower case tiles that help with letter recognition and spelling activities Ages 3+
  - **Books**
    - Handwriting Word Book for Grades K-1
    - Lowercase Alphabet Practice - Ages 4-6
    - Uppercase Alphabet Practice - Ages 4-6
  - **Worksheets**
    - Alphabet Flash Cards
    - Alphabet Games by Barbara Pratt
    - Handwriting – Common Problems and Corrective Techniques
- Reading Comprehension
  - **Activities**
    - Story Question Dice - Foam dice with questions printed on each side that aim at expanding discussion of the story
    - Reading Puppet Materials - Make reading puppets if the student is shy. Sometimes it is easier for them to talk to a character than to an adult
  - **Books**
    - Across the Curriculum with Eric Carle - Various activities made by Eric Carle to assist in comprehension of his books
  - **Worksheets**
    - Alike, but Different – A worksheet used for comparing characters in stories
    - KWL Chart – A chart that organizes what the student knows, what they want to know, and what they learned
    - The Munched-Up Flower Garden – A picture book accompanied by supplemental activities to increase comprehension
- Spelling
  - **Activities**
    - Spelling Four-Letter Words - A flip book that allows early spellers to practice with a variety of letter and word combinations
    - Picture Word Puzzles - Put simple puzzle pieces together to form pictures and words
    - Letter Tiles
  - **Books**
    - Disney Princess Spelling
- Writing/Grammar
  - **Activities**
    - Sentence Building - An early literacy resource that provides for an endless variety of reading and grammar games Grades K-2
    - Silly Sentences - Grammar skills practice game for the first three years of school Ages 4-7

## First Grade

- Phonics
  - **Activities**
    - Quizmo - Phonetic bingo Ages 6-8

- Leap Frog: Phonics Program - A 10 lesson box set deigned to teach phonics at a pre-k to 2nd grade level
    - Ladybug, Ladybug! - Short vowel rhyming words game Ages 5+
  - **Books**
    - Fun with Phonics: Vowel Diphthongs - Instant activities, games, and word cards that build early reading skills Grades 1-2
    - A Bat Named Pat - A short story that assists in words ending in "-at"
    - Alphabet Flip Chart
- **Sight Words**
  - **Activities**
    - Beginning Language Roll & Learn - Pocket cubes for language learning Ages 5+
    - Bang! - A word game that helps students learn to recognize and read sight words
    - Sight Words Bingo - Ages 6+
  - **Books**
    - Sight Word Readers – A series of short books that help with groups of words that kindergartners should know
  - **Worksheets**
    - Sight Words K-3 – Practice vocabulary skills with the sight word lists separated by grade level
    - Sight Word Activities – Put the word lists to good use with these suggested activities for a tutoring session
    - Word Bank/Brain Box – Use sight words to increase your student’s vocabulary
- **Alphabet/Handwriting**
  - **Activities**
    - Handwriting Word Book for Grades K-1
    - J is for Jump Shot - A picture book that uses basketball vocabulary to teach the alphabet
    - Eating the Alphabet - Fruits and vegetables from A to Z
  - **Worksheets**
    - Alphabet Flash Cards
    - Alphabet Games by Barbara Pratt
    - Handwriting – Common Problems and Corrective Techniques
- **Reading Comprehension**
  - **Activities**
    - Finding Nemo Leap Pad Activity - First grade
    - Story Question Dice - Foam dice with questions printed on each side that aim at expanding discussion of the story
    - Comprehension Cards - Cards that ask questions regarding the reading piece
  - **Books**
    - Reading Comprehension for Grade 1
    - Sequencing Simple Stories for Grades 1-2
    - Home Workbook for First Grade Reading Comprehension
  - **Worksheets**
    - The Munched-Up Flower Garden – A picture book accompanied by supplemental activities to increase comprehension
    - KWL Chart – A chart that organizes what the student knows, what they want to know, and what they learned

- Reading Comprehension Questions – Questions to go over with your student after they have read a story
- Spelling
  - **Activities**
    - Find the Word - A first word puzzle game for ages 2 and up
    - Letter Magnets
    - Letter Tiles
  - **Books**
    - Spelling Puzzles - Grade 1
    - Spectrum Spelling - Grade 1 - A workbook complete with a dictionary and an answer key
- Writing/Grammar
  - **Activities**
    - Silly Sentences - Grammar skills practice game for the first three years of school Ages 4-7
    - Sentence Building - An early literacy resource that provides for an endless variety of reading and grammar games Grades K-2
  - **Books**
    - How to Use Parts of Speech - Grades 1-3
    - How to Write a Paragraph - Grades 1-3

## Second Grade

- Phonics
  - **Activities**
    - Rhyming Puzzles - 5-piece self-checking puzzles that promote early literacy skills Grades K-2
    - Fun with Phonics: Vowel Diphthongs - Instant activities, games, and word cards that build early reading skills Grades 1-2
    - Jump Start Phonics - 2nd grade
  - **Worksheets**
- Sight Words
  - **Activities**
    - Sight Words Flash Cards - Ages 6+
    - Sight Words Flash Cards - Ages 4+
    - Sight Words Bingo - Ages 6+
  - **Worksheets**
    - Sight Words K-3 – Practice vocabulary skills with the sight word lists separated by grade level
    - Sight Word Activities – Put the word lists to good use with these suggested activities for a tutoring session
    - Word Bank/Brain Box – Use sight words to increase your student’s vocabulary
- Vocabulary
  - **Books**
    - 100 Vocabulary Words Kids Need to Read by 2nd Grade - A book by Scholastic with various activities to help with 2nd grade vocabulary
  - **Worksheets**
    - Sight Words K-3 – Practice vocabulary skills with the sight word lists separated by grade level

- Sight Word Activities – Put the word lists to good use with these suggested activities for a tutoring session
    - Word Bank/Brain Box – Use sight words to increase your student’s vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
  - **Activities**
    - Story Question Dice - Foam dice with questions printed on each side that aim at expanding discussion of the story
    - Guided Reading Spinwheels - These four boards allow the student to spin the arrow and choose a question regarding the piece of reading
    - Comprehension Cards - Cards that ask questions regarding the reading piece
  - **Books**
    - Comprehension Crosswords for grade 2
    - Homework Helpers Reading for Meaning - Grade 2
    - Sequencing Simple Stories for Grades 1-2
  - **Worksheets**
    - Alike, but Different – A worksheet used for comparing characters in stories
    - KWL Chart – A chart that organizes what the student knows, what they want to know, and what they learned
    - Reading Comprehension Questions – Questions to go over with your student after they have read a story
- Spelling
  - **Activities**
    - I Spy Word Scramble - Ages 7+
    - Words on My Mind - Shake up and toss letter dice and create words Ages 7+
  - **Books**
    - Spelling Puzzles - Grade 3-4
    - Spelling Secrets - Surefire strategies and super-fun activities, mini-books and games that help students master hundreds of tricky words Grades 2-4
- Writing/Grammar
  - **Activities**
    - Silly Sentences - Grammar skills practice game for the first three years of school Ages 4-7
    - Sentence Building - An early literacy resource that provides for an endless variety of reading and grammar games Grades K-2
  - **Books**
    - How to Use Parts of Speech - Grades 1-3
    - How to Write a Paragraph - Grades 1-3
  - **Worksheets**
    - Sneaky Poetry - Increase your student’s descriptive ability by brainstorming adjectives that describe an object
    - Write Your Own Poems w/ Shell Silverstein – A madlibs style of poetry writing using actual Shell Silverstein poems
    - Writing a Paragraph – Various worksheets that teach students about elements of a paragraph (a main idea, topic sentences, body sentences, etc)