

Grade Level: Fourth

Reading

DRA Target levels and the level's defining characteristics:

End of 1st Trimester	End of 2nd Trimester	End of school year
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- Texts with deeper meaning applicable to important human problems and social issues
- Characters revealed by what they say, think, and do and what others say or think about them
- Descriptive language providing details important to understanding the plot
- Settings distant in time and space from students' experiences
- Some words with connotative meaning that are essential to understanding the text
- Full range of readers' tools (table of contents, headings, call-outs, index, etc.)

DRA 38 - 40	DRA 40	DRA 40
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Suggested titles and authors at target DRA levels:

DRA 38-40	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Girls series• Anastasia series (Lowry)• Best Enemies (Leverich)• Bunnica (Howe)• Encyclopedia Brown series• Hardy Boys series (Dixon)• If You Lived in the Time of...history series• James and the Giant Peach (Dahl)• Little House on the Prairie (Wilder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magic School Bus series• Minpins (Dahl)• Mr. Popper's Penguins (Atwater)• Nancy Drew series (Keene)• Not-Just-Anybody Family (Byars)• Sarah Morton's Day (Waters)• Stone Fox (Gardiner)• The Dragonling (Koller)

Teachers can provide parents with example books to better illustrate what each DRA level looks like in real text.

Writing

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell and write pieces that are focused• Use writing notebooks to generate and collect ideas, stories, responses, observations, and notes• Take ideas through writing process to published pieces of writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select language carefully to create images, mood, and impressions• Develop awareness of sounds of words and rhythm of phrases• Write lead that includes settings and introduce characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on specific topics• Support topics with facts, details, diagrams, and charts• Keep writing notebooks with entries on wonderings, reflections, and recordings

Continued:

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply spelling, grammar, and punctuation strategies • Develop specific focus for topics • Support topics with facts, details, diagrams, and charts. • Organize facts to help readers learn about topics • Develop understanding of attributes of feature articles • Engage readers with strong leads and conclusions • Support topics with facts, details, diagrams, and charts • Organize facts to help readers learn about topics • Informational Essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ideas for book reviews by revisiting writing notebook entries • Create organizing structures that involve series of events across time • Develop characters by including their feelings, thoughts, and intentions • Develop plots that make sense and end with solutions to problems • Use descriptive and literary language • Energized Unit which includes learning about the forms of energy and pros and cons of renewable sources of energy then develop, discuss, and defend their own opinions in essays and letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write book reviews with clearly stated original ideas supported with text evidence • Create organizing structures appropriate to purposes and audiences • Poetry

Teachers can provide parents with writing rubrics, (examples of what students should be able to produce) to better illustrate the expectations at the end of each trimester.

Math

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry • Procedures for multi-digit adding and subtracting • Equivalent names for whole numbers • Place value • Basic multiplication and division facts • Number stories • Number sentences with variables • Focus of prime and composite numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplying • Estimating • Partial products • Multiplication and division number stories • Division algorithm and interpreting remainders • Measuring and classifying angles • Fraction • Comparing, writing, adding, and subtraction decimals • Metric measurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perimeter and area • Decimals • Symmetry • Volume, weight, and capacity • Operations, place value, and fractions

Science

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
Investigating Physical and Chemical Properties	Investigating the Changing Earth	Investigating Ecosystems

Social Studies

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
History, Geography, Economics, and Civics - Introduction to the Social Sciences and Privacy (6 weeks)	History, Geography, and Civics - Northeast, Southeast, Midwest Regions (6 weeks)	History and Geography - Southwest and West Regions (6 weeks)