

Grade Level: Third

Reading

DRA Target levels and the level's defining characteristics:

End of 1st Trimester	End of 2nd Trimester	End of school year
DRA 30	DRA 34	DRA 38
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More complex sentence structure• New vocabulary in fiction texts largely unexplained• Complex spelling patterns• Complex plots with numerous episodes and time passing• Texts with multiple points of view revealed through characters' behaviors• Use of words in italics, bold or all capitals to indicate emphasis, level of importance, or signal other meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Descriptive and figurative language that is important to understanding the plot• Black and white illustrations• Full range of punctuation• No or minimal illustrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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, heading, call-outs, index, etc.)

Suggested titles and authors at target DRA levels:

DRA 30	DRA 34	DRA 38
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A to Z Mysteries (Roy)• Amber Brown series (Danziger)• Boxcar Children series (Warner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Babysitters' Club series (Martin)• Catwings series (Le Guin)• Chocolate Fever (Smith)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Girls series• Anastasia series (Lowry)• Best Enemies (Leverich)• Bunnacula (Howe)• Encyclopedia Brown series

Continued:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enormous Crocodile (Dahl) • Invisible Stanley (Brown) • Ramona series (Cleary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Clown (Hurwitz) • Herbie Jones series (Kline) • Julian and Huey series (Cameron) • Pony Pal series (Betancourt) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy Boys series (Dixon) • James and the Giant Peach (Dahl) • Mr. Popper's Penguins (Atwater) • Nancy Drew series (Keene)

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"> • Use writing notebook to generate and collect ideas and try writing techniques • Take ideas through writing cycle to published pieces of writing • Tell and write pieces that focus on one idea • Apply spelling, grammar, and punctuation strategies daily to their writing • Write focused paragraphs that include supporting details • include leads and conclusions • Organize information so it is clear and easy to follow • Include text features, such as labels, bold print headings, pictures, white spaces, and page breaks • Select language carefully to create images and moods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use poetry techniques to craft poems • Write leads that include settings and introduce characters • Organize series of events across time • Develop characters by including their feelings and actions • Develop plots that make sense and end with solutions to problems • Use dialogue to show characters' personalities • Use descriptive and literary language • Engage readers with strong leads and conclusions • Support topics with important facts and interesting details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep writing notebooks with entries on wonderings and reflections • Write to compare literary thinking across various texts • Write book recommendations that include opinions and support from text evidence • Make a Difference Unit which includes: learn to recognize the value of rights and why it is important to respect others' rights and views

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"> • Equivalent names for numbers • Numerical patterns • Money, time, and operation symbols • Basic facts and their extensions • Adding and subtraction algorithms • Number Stories • Measurement • Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division • Place value • Reading, writing, comparing, and ordering numbers • Line segments, rays, and lines • Polygons • Drawing and measuring angles • Multiplication and division patters • Estimates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions • Multiplication and division • Units, tools, and measures of weight, length, and capacity • Probability

Science

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
Investigating Electrical Systems	Investigating Objects in the Sky	Investigating Life Cycles

Social Studies

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
Civics - The Rights and Responsibilities of Justice (6 weeks)	History, Geography, and Economics - Who is Colorado? and Discover Colorado (6 weeks)	History, Geography, Economics, and Civics - Great Lives in Colorado History and Discovering Denver Brick by Brick (8 weeks)