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Standards Based Grading Rubrics

First Grade Reading Language Arts

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Learning Goals	Standards Assessed (TEKS)	Nine Weeks Assessed				Nine Weeks Expected to Meet Standard	Assessment of Mastery		
							Meets Grade Level Standard (3)	Approaching Grade Level Standard (2)	Below Grade Level Standard (1)
Phonetic Knowledge									
I can demonstrate and apply grade-level phonological awareness.	1.2A.i 1.2Aii 1.2Aiii 1.2Aiv 1.2Av 1.2vi 1.2vii	1	2	3	4	4	The student demonstrates and applies grade-level phonological awareness using rhyming words, alliteration, vowel sounds in one-syllable words, changes in spoken words, phonemes to form one-syllable words and segmenting one-syllable words into phonemes.	The student demonstrates and applies some grade-level phonological awareness using rhyming words, alliteration, vowel sounds in one-syllable words, changes in spoken words, phonemes to form one-syllable words and segmenting one-syllable words into phonemes.	The student does not demonstrate and apply grade-level phonological awareness using rhyming words, alliteration, vowel sounds in one-syllable words, changes in spoken words, phonemes to form one-syllable words and segmenting one-syllable words into phonemes.
I can demonstrate and apply	1.2Bi	1	2	3	4	4	The student demonstrates	The student demonstrates	The student does not

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phonetic knowledge.	1.2Bii 1.2Biii 1.2Biv 1.2Bv						phonetic knowledge by decoding words with consonant blends, digraphs, trigraphs, r controlled vowels, vowel teams, open and closed syllables, base words to decode common compound words, contractions, decoding words with inflectional endings, including -ed, -s, and -es	some phonetic knowledge by decoding words with consonant blends, digraphs, trigraphs, r controlled vowels, vowel teams, open and closed syllables, base words to decode common compound words, contractions, decoding words with inflectional endings, including -ed, -s, and -es	demonstrate phonetic knowledge by decoding words with consonant blends, digraphs, trigraphs, r controlled vowels, vowel teams, open and closed syllables, base words to decode common compound words, contractions, decoding words with inflectional endings, including -ed, -s, and -es
I can demonstrate and apply grade level spelling knowledge.	1.2Ciii 1.2Civ	1	2	3	4	4	The student demonstrates and applies grade-level spelling knowledge by spelling one-syllable words, words with closed syllables, consonant blends, vowel teams and high-frequency words.	The student demonstrates and applies some grade-level spelling knowledge by spelling one-syllable words, words with closed syllables, consonant blends, vowel teams and high-frequency words.	The student does not demonstrate and apply grade-level spelling knowledge by spelling one-syllable words, words with closed syllables, consonant blends, vowel teams and high-frequency words.
I can read high frequency words from a district approved list.	1.2Bvi		2	3	4	4	The student reads 100 or more words from the Life School High-Frequency Words list.	The student reads 75-99 words from the Life School High-Frequency Words list.	The student reads less than 75 words from the Life School High-Frequency Words list.
Reading									
I can use appropriate fluency when reading aloud grade-level texts.	1.4A	1	2	3	4	4	The student uses appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading aloud grade-level texts.	The student uses some appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading aloud grade-level texts.	The student does not use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading aloud grade-level texts.

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I can monitor comprehension and make adjustments using reading strategies when reading grade-level texts.	1.6i	1	2	3	4	4	The student monitors comprehension and makes adjustments using reading strategies such as: background knowledge, re-reading, using visual cues and asking questions when reading grade-level texts.	The student is beginning to monitor comprehension and makes adjustments using reading strategies when reading grade-level texts.	The student does not monitor comprehension and make adjustments using reading strategies when reading grade-level texts with adult assistance.
I can retell grade-level texts in ways that maintain meaning.	1.7D	1	2	3	4	4	The student independently retells a variety of grade-level texts in ways that maintain meaning.	The student retells a variety of grade-level texts in ways that maintain meaning with support.	The student does not retell a variety of grade-level texts in ways that maintain meaning with support.
I can write brief comments and use text evidence on literary or informational texts	1.7B	1	2	3	4	4	The student writes brief comments and uses text evidence on literary or informational texts.	The student is beginning to write brief comments or use text evidence on literary or informational texts.	The student does not write brief comments or use text evidence on literary or informational texts.
I can identify genres and describe characteristics and structures of text.	1.8A 1.8B 1.8C 1.8D 1.8E 1.9Aiii 1.9Biii 1.9Ciii 1.9Diii 1.10D	1	2	3	4	4	The student identifies genres and describes characteristics and structures of text. <i>The student uses adult support as needed for informational text structure and theme.</i>	The student identifies some genres and describes some of the characteristics and structures of text. <i>The student uses adult support as needed for informational text structure and theme.</i>	The student does not identify genres and describe characteristics and structures of text. <i>The student uses adult support as needed for informational text structure and theme.</i>
I can analyze author's purpose through structure and language.	1.10B 1.10C 1.10D	1	2	3	4	4	The student consistently analyzes author's purpose through structure and language using point of	The student inconsistently analyzes author's purpose through structure and language using point of	The student does not analyze author's purpose through structure and language using point of

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							view, text structures and visualizing meaning.	view, text structures and visualizing meaning.	view, text structures and visualizing meaning.
I can make inferences about text and provide evidence to support understanding of grade-level texts.	1.6F	1	2	3	4	4	The student makes inferences about text and provides evidence to support understanding of grade-level texts with adult assistance..	The student is beginning to make inferences about text and provides evidence to support understanding of grade-level texts.	The student does not make inferences about text and provide evidence to support understanding of grade-level texts.
Writing									
I can write in complete sentences using capital letters, and punctuation correctly.	1.11Di 1.11Dviii 1.11Dix	1	2	3	4	4	The student writes in complete sentences using capital letters, and punctuation correctly.	The student is beginning to write in complete sentences using capital letters, and punctuation correctly.	The student does not write in complete sentences using capital letters, and punctuation correctly.
I can develop handwriting by printing words, and sentences legibly.	1.2F	1	2	3	4	4	The student develops handwriting by printing words, and sentences legibly.	The student demonstrates some development in handwriting by printing words, and sentences legibly.	The student does not demonstrate development in handwriting by printing words, and sentences legibly.
I can compose a variety of meaningful texts using the writing process.	1.11A 1.11B 1.11C 1.11D 1.11E 1.12A 1.12B 1.12C	1	2	3	4	4	The student composes a variety of meaningful texts using the writing process.	The student is beginning to compose a variety of meaningful texts using the writing process.	The student does not compose a variety of meaningful texts using the writing process.
Oral Language Skills									

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I can communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion.	1.1A 1.1B 1.1C	1	2	3	4	4	The student communicates ideas effectively through speaking and discussion.	The student demonstrates some effective communication through speaking and discussion.	The student does not communicate ideas effectively through speaking and discussion.
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First Grade Math

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Learning Goals	Standards Assessed (TEKS)	Nine Weeks Assessed				Nine Weeks Expected to Meet Standard	Assessment of Mastery			
							Meets Grade Level Standard (3)	Approaching Grade Level Standard (2)	Below Grade Level Standard (1)	
Developing an Understanding of Place Value										
I can count forward and backward to and from 120.	1.5A	1	2	3	4	4	The student can recite numbers forward to at least 120 and backward from 120 by ones from any given number.	The student can recite numbers forward to at least 100 and backward from 50 by ones from any given number.	The student does not recite numbers forward to at least 100 and backward from 50 by ones from any given number.	
I can represent, compose, and decompose numbers up to 120 using standard and expanded forms using models and pictures.	1.2B 1.2C	1	2	3	4	4	The student can represent, compose, and decompose numbers to 120 using objects, pictures, expanded, and standard forms in more than one way.	The student can represent, compose, and decompose numbers to at least 100 using objects, pictures, and expanded and standard forms in more than one way.	The student can represent numbers to at least 50 using objects, pictures, and standard forms, but the student does not compose or decompose numbers up to 50 using concrete and pictorial models in at least one way.	

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I can skip count up to 120 by 2s, 5s, and 10s.	1.5B		2	3	4	4	The student can skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s up to 120 to determine a total number of objects.	The student can skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s up to 100 to determine a total number of objects.	The student does not skip count by 5s and 10s up to 100 to determine a total number of objects.
I can compare whole numbers up to 120.	1.2E 1.2G	1	2	3	4	4	The student can use place value to compare numbers up to 120 using comparative language and can represent the comparison of two numbers up to 120 using the symbols $>$, $<$, or $=$.	The student can use place value to compare numbers up to 100 using comparative language and can represent the comparison of two numbers up to 100 using the symbols $>$, $<$, or $=$.	The student does not use place value to compare numbers up to 100 using comparative language and can represent the comparison of two numbers up to 100 using the symbols $>$, $<$, or $=$.
I can order whole numbers up to 120 using place value and open number lines.	1.2F	1	2	3	4	4	The student can order whole numbers up to 120 using place value and open number lines.	The student can order whole numbers up to 100 using place value and open number lines.	The student does not order whole numbers up to 100 using place value and open number lines.
I can generate a number greater than or less than a given number up to 120, including 10 more and 10 less.	1.2D 1.5C		2	3	4	4	The student can generate a number that is greater than or less than a given whole number up to 120 , including a number that is 10 more or 10 less than a given number, without supporting tools.	The student can generate a number that is greater than or less than a given whole number up to 100 , including a number that is 10 more or 10 less than a given number, using supporting tools such as a number line, hundreds chart, or manipulatives.	The student does not generate a number that is greater than or less than a given whole number up to 100 , including a number that is 10 more or 10 less than a given number, using supporting tools such as a number line, hundreds chart, or manipulatives.
Solve Problems Involving Addition and Subtraction									
I can determine the unknown number in an addition or subtraction equation.	1.5F			3	4	4	The student can determine the missing whole number in an addition and subtraction	The student can determine the missing whole number in an addition or subtraction	The student cannot determine the missing whole number in an addition or subtraction

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						equation involving sums and differences with unknown terms in any one of three or four positions up to 20 without using objects and pictorial models and explains the strategy he/she used to solve the problem.	equation involving sums and differences with unknown terms in any one of three or four positions up to 10 without using objects and pictorial models.	equation involving sums and differences with unknown terms in anyone of three or four positions up to 10 using objects and pictorial models.	
I can solve word problems of sets within 20 using objects and pictorial models.	1.3B			3	4	4	The student can solve word problems involving joining to find sums up to 20 and separating to find differences up to 20 using objects and pictorial models, including explaining the strategy used.	The student can solve word problems involving joining to find sums up to 10 and separating to find differences up to 10 using objects and pictorial models..	The student does not solve word problems involving joining to find sums up to 10 and separating to find differences up to 10 using objects and pictorial models.
Analyzing Attributes of Two-Dimensional Shapes and Three-Dimensional Solids									
I can classify and sort 2-D shapes based on attributes using informal language.	1.6A				4	4	The student can classify and sort regular and irregular 2-D shapes based on attributes using informal language.	The student can classify and sort regular or irregular 2-D shapes based on attributes using informal language.	The student does not classify and sort regular and irregular 2-D shapes based on attributes using informal language.
I can identify 2-D shapes and 3-D solids using formal geometric language.	1.6D 1.6E				4	4	The student can identify 2-D figures (circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, hexagons, rhombi, and trapezoids) and 3-D solids (spheres, cylinders, cones, and rectangular prisms including cubes) using formal language such as	The student can identify 2-D figures (circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, hexagons, rhombi, and trapezoids) and 3-D solids (spheres, cylinders, cones, and rectangular prisms including cubes) using	The student does not identify 2-D figures (circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, hexagons, rhombi, and trapezoids) and 3-D solids (spheres, cylinders, cones, and rectangular prisms including cubes) or does

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						vertex and side (2-D) and vertex, edge, and face (3-D).	informal language to describe a 2-D or 3-D figure such as corner or round.	not use informal language to describe a 2-D figure.
Developing the Understanding of Length								
I can tell time to the hour and half hour using analog and digital clocks.	1.7E			4	4	The student tells time to the hour and half hour on analog and digital clocks.	The student tells time to the hour on analog and digital clocks.	The student does not tell time to the hour on analog and digital clocks.
I can use measuring tools to measure length using non-standard units.	1.7A 1.7B 1.7C 1.7D			4	4	The student can measure length using measuring tools such as ribbon or yarn and can describe length with a number unit (non-standard objects) with no gaps or overlapping and can compare the length of two objects describing how and why they differ.	The student can measure length using measuring tools such as ribbon or yarn and can describe length with a number unit (non-standard objects) and may have some gaps or overlapping.	The student does not measure length using measuring tools such as ribbon or yarn and does not describe length with a number and unit (non-standard objects) and may have some gaps or overlapping.
Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy								
I can determine the value of a collection of coins.	1.4A 1.4B 1.4C		2	3	4	4	The student can determine the value of a collection of different coins, including pennies, nickels, and/or dimes using efficient strategies such as the relationship to count by twos, fives, and tens or grouping larger coins together first.	The student can determine the value of a collection of same coins, including pennies, nickels, or dimes with or without using an efficient strategy such as counting by twos, fives, and tens or grouping larger coins together first.
I can collect, sort, and organize data for graphs.	1.8A 1.8B				4	4	The student can collect,	The student can collect,
								The student does not

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	1.8C				sort, and organize data/objects with up to 3 categories, can use data to create a picture or bar-type graph, and can draw conclusions and generate and answer questions from information in the graphs.	sort, and organize data/objects with up to 3 categories and can use data to create a picture or bar-type graph.	collect, sort, and organize data/objects with up to 3 categories or does not use data to create a picture or bar-type graph.
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First Grade Science

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Learning Goals	Standards Assessed (TEKS)	Nine Weeks Assessed	Nine Weeks Expected to Meet Standard	Assessment of Mastery			
				Meets Grade Level Standard (3)	Approaching Grade Level Standard (2)	Below Grade Level Standard (1)	
Properties of Matter							
I can classify solid objects by properties and attributes and explain that the whole object is a system made up of parts.	1.6A	1		1	The student sorts items into groups and explains the criteria that were used to sort the items (shape, color,texture, relative size, and relative mass).	The student accurately sorts the sample objects by the shape, color, texture, relative size, and relative mass.	The student does not accurately sort the sample objects by any of the following properties: shape, color, texture, relative size, or relative mass
Force, Motion and Forms of Energy							
I can explain and investigate how pushes and pulls can start, stop,	1.7A 1.7B	1		1	The student explains and predicts how an object pushes or pulls, starts,	The student identifies how an object pushes or pulls, starts, stops or the	The student does not identify how an object pushes or pulls, starts,

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or change the speed or direction of an object's motion.						stops or the change in the speed or direction of an object's motion.	change in the speed or direction of an object's motion.	stops or the change in the speed or direction of an object's motion.	
I can investigate applications of heat in everyday life and describe how some changes caused by heat may be reversed while others cannot be reversed.	1.8A 1.8B	1				1	The student identifies and explains the application of heat and how some changes may be caused by heat may be reversed while others cannot be reversed.	The student identifies an application of heat and describes how some changes may be caused by heat in everyday life.	The student does not identify an application of heat in everyday life.
Earth and Space									
I can investigate and document the properties of different types of soils.	1.10A 1.10B		2			2	The student can compare,describe, and sort soil by its size, texture, and color.	The student describes or lists components of soil.	The student does not describe components of soil.
I can identify how plants, animals, and humans use earth's materials and explain why water conservation is important.	1.11A 1.11B 1.11C		2			2	The student identifies and describes how plants, animals, and humans use earth's material and explains why water conservation is important.	The student identifies how plants, animals, and humans use earth's material and explains why water conservation is important.	The student does not identify how plants, animals, and humans use earth's material and does not explain why water conservation is important.
I can investigate how water can move rock and soil particles from one place to another.	1.10B			3		3	The student can investigate and describe how water can move rock and soil particles from one place to another.	The student can investigate how water can move rock or soil particles from one place to another.	The student does not investigate how water can move rock or soil particles from one place to another.
I can describe and record	1.10D			3		3	The student can describe	The student can describe	The student does not

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weather information and explain the impact of weather on daily choices.						and record weather information and explain the impact of weather on daily choices.	and record the use of symbols, numbers and words to record daily weather data.	describe and record the use of symbols, numbers and words to record daily weather data.
Organisms and Environments								
I can describe examples of dependence and interactions between living and nonliving components in terrariums or aquariums.	1.12B			4	4	The student describes and records examples of dependence and interactions between living and nonliving components in terrariums or aquariums	The student identifies and describes examples of dependence and interactions between living or nonliving components in terrariums or aquariums.	The student does not identify examples of dependence and interactions between living and nonliving components in terrariums or aquariums.
I can identify how living organisms depend on each other through food chains.	1.12C			4	4	The student documents interactions between two or more organisms and explains evidence that the organisms are interdependent on each other using simple food chains.	The student documents examples of interactions between two or more organisms that depend on each other using food chains.	The student does not communicate examples of interactions between two or more organisms that depend on each other using food chains.
I can identify the external structures and compare how those structures help different animals live.	1.13A			4	4	The student compares how the physical characteristics and behaviors of organisms help them to meet their basic needs.	The student gives examples of an animal's external characteristics that are related to where it lives, how it moves, and what it eats.	The student does not give examples of how an animal's external characteristics that are related to where it lives, how it moves, and what it eats.

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First Grade Social Studies

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				Meets Grade Level Standard (3)	Approaching Grade Level Standard (2)	Below Grade Level Standard (1)			
Government									
I can identify the responsibilities of authority figures at home, at school, and in the community.	1.11A	1				1	I can independently identify the responsibilities of authority figures at home, at school, and in the community.	I can identify the responsibilities of authority figures at home, at school, and in the community with teacher support.	The student cannot identify the responsibilities of authority figures at home, at school, and in the community.
I can identify the features of civic engagement by describing the roles of public officials in the community, state, and nation.	1.11B	1				1	The student can independently identify the features of civic engagement by describing the roles of public officials in the community, state, and nation.	The student can identify the features of civic engagement by describing the roles of public officials in the community, state, and nation only with teacher support.	The student cannot identify the features of civic engagement by describing the roles of public officials in the community, the state, and the nation.
Citizenship									
I can explain and practice voting as a way of making choices and decisions.	1.13D		2			2	The student can independently explain and practice voting as a way of making choices and decisions.	The student can explain and practice voting as a way of making choices and decisions only with teacher support.	The student cannot explain or practice voting as a way of making choices and decisions.
Culture									

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I can describe and explain the importance of beliefs, language, and traditions of families and communities.	1.14A		2		2	The student can independently describe and explain the importance of beliefs, language, and traditions of families and communities.	The student can describe and explain the importance of beliefs, language, and traditions of families and communities only with teacher support.	The student cannot describe and explain the importance of beliefs, language, and traditions of families and communities.
Social Studies Skills								
I can use a calendar to describe and measure time in days, weeks, months, and years.	1.17B		2		2	The student can independently use a calendar to describe and measure time in days, weeks, months, and years.	The student can use a calendar to describe and measure time in days, weeks, months, and years only with teacher support.	The student cannot use a calendar to describe and measure time in days, weeks, months, and years.
Geography								
I can identify and describe the physical characteristics of a place such as its landforms, bodies of water, resources, and weather.	1.5A			3	3	The student can independently identify and describe the physical characteristics of a place such as its landforms, bodies of water, resources, and weather.	The student can identify and describe the physical characteristics of a place such as its landforms, bodies of water, resources, and weather only with teacher support.	The student cannot identify and describe the physical characteristics of a place such as its landforms, bodies of water, resources, and weather.
I can create and use simple maps and locate my community, Texas, and the United States on maps and globes.	1.4A 1.4B			3	3	The student can independently create and use simple maps and locate my community, Texas, and the United States on maps and globes.	The student can create and use simple maps and locate my community, Texas, and the United States on maps and globes only with teacher support.	The student cannot create and use simple maps or locate the community, Texas, and the United States on maps and globes.
History								

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I can demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of America by identifying the contributions of historical figures.	1.2A			3		3	The student can demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of America by identifying the contributions of historical figures.	The student can demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of America by identifying historical figures but cannot identify their contributions.	The student cannot demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of America by identifying the contributions of historical figures.
Economics									
I can identify examples of goods and services and explain the role of markets in the exchange of goods and services.	1.7A 1.7C			4		4	The student can identify examples of goods and services and explain the role of markets in the exchange of goods and services.	The student can identify examples of goods and services but cannot explain the role of markets in the exchange of goods and services.	The student cannot identify examples of goods and services and explain the role of markets in the exchange of goods and services.

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