

# Kindergarten Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions

## Enduring Understandings

- ✓ Print carries messages. Texts have consistent features that support the reader to access information from written texts.
- ✓ Our English language has consistent language patterns.
- ✓ Words are made up of letters. Readers use grammatical and mechanical conventions from writing to determine how a writer intended an audience to read the writing.
- ✓ Organizing and classifying information allows people to explore, express, and learn new knowledge.
- ✓ Reading and writing are ways to explore personal interests, answer important questions, satisfy a need for information, to entertain and be entertained.

## Essential Questions

- ✓ How is written language different from spoken language? How do I read?
- ✓ How do writers express their thoughts and feelings? Where do ideas come from?
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How do letter patterns and letter sounds help me read and write words I do not know?
- ✓ What makes something important to remember?
- ✓ How are stories about different places and times also about me? What is a story?

## Essential Vocabulary

### June, 2017 Summer Curriculum Summit List

ABC order	Beginning sound/mid/end	Vowel
Journal	List	Opposite
Rule	Title	Compound word
Character	Word family –noun and verb	Fairy tale
Describe	Dictionary	Main idea
Chapter	Capital letter	Comma
Exclamation point	Period	Question mark
Word order	Where	Date
When	Nursery rhyme	Note
Problem	Sign	Table of contents
Title page	Synonym/antonym	Thank you notes
Make believe fiction	Syllable	Setting
Fiction	Why	How

### Descartes: 2013 Vocabulary for the MAP System

#### Reading Vocabulary: 141-160

Beginning sound	Paragraph	Classify
Prefix	Ending sound	Riddle

#### Language Usage Vocabulary: Non applicable