

# Kindergarten Grade Essentials

## Language Arts - Reading

- ✓ Applies knowledge about how print is organized to read and understand text
- ✓ Uses knowledge of letter-sound relationships and common word parts to read unfamiliar words
- ✓ Uses rhyme, sentence patterns, and storyline to understand narrative and informational text
- ✓ Generates a picture or written response to text
- ✓ Reads text to gain confidence and fluency
- ✓ Shows positive, independent reading habits
- ✓ Uses listening and speaking vocabulary to communicate with others
- ✓ Makes text-to-self-connections with characters, events, and other information in literature
- ✓ Hears, identifies and uses sounds to speak, read, and spell

## Language Arts – Writing

- ✓ Writes to communicate personal thoughts, ideas, and experiences
- ✓ Hears, identifies and uses sounds to speak, read, and spell
- ✓ Prints upper and lower case letters
- ✓ Uses letter-sound relationships to write unfamiliar words
- ✓ Uses capitalization and punctuation for own name, first word in a sentence
- ✓ Identifies important information in texts , read or heard
- ✓ Responds to reading by sharing personal connections with characters and events