

Third Grade Spelling-Expanded Skills Trace
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Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32		
9-Taught in Writing (language rule)	X			X		X						X						X								X					X			
10-Taught in Writing (language rule)																X	X	X													X			
11-Taught in Writing (language rule)		X			X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
12		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X					X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
13	X	X								X																	X				X	X		
14	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
15	X			X														X															X	
16												X	X		X									X			X							
17	X			X			X				X			X					X		X		X		X								X	
18	X			X	X								X											X										
19			X	X	X				X							X		X		X					X									
20				X	X				X				X				X	X								X		X			X			
21-Taught in Writing (language rule)											X	X			X																			
22-Taught in Writing (language rule)	X			X		X			X			X											X			X			X			X		
23	X	X									X							X																
24-Taught in Writing (language rule)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
25			X	X			X					X	X		X	X					X									X				
26-Taught in Writing (language rule)	X			X			X						X			X							X	X										
27-Introduced in 1st grade																																		
28-Taught in Writing (language rule)	X		X		X		X		X				X	X		X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X				X	X	X	
29		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Spelling Dictation of High-Frequency Vocabulary																																		
Section M-N (233 words)	R																																	
Section O (132 words)		X																																
Section P (113 words)					X																													
Section Q (127 words)										X																								
Section R (125 words)														X																				
Section S (125 words)																			X															
Section T (125 words)																							X											
Section U-V (132 words)																												X						

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Verbs																																			
Action verbs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Present tense verbs	X		X	X		X	X	X	X				X				X																		
Linking verbs	X				X																														
Helping verbs	X	X				X	X						X				X																		
Helping verbs-future tense				X			X	X	X				X				X																		
Compound verbs (and)		X															X																		
Past tense verbs (suffix ed)	X		X	X			X		X				X				X																		
Irregular past tense verbs		X	X	X			X	X					X	X			X																		
Regular past tense verbs		X		X			X		X					X			X																		
Verbs changing time				X			X	X	X				X				X																		
Adjectives																																			
Adjectives: a, an, the	X																																		
Adjectives: how many, which one	X				X		X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Adjectives: 2 or more w/commas												X																							
Comparative adjectives								X																											
More and most + adjective								X																											
Compound adjectives with hyphens																	X								X										
Adverbs																																			
Adverbs (when, where, how)	X									X			X			X	X						X			X		X							
Adverbs (excessive degree-too)								X																											
Adverbs (to what extent)										X			X															X	X				X		
Adverbs (in what manner)										X			X																						
Conjunctions																																			
Conjunctions (and/2 nouns/verbs)		X																																	
Prepositions																																			
Prepositions/phrases	X					X								X	X		X							X	X	X									
SENTENCE/PARAGRAPH/COMPOSITION CONSTRUCTION																																			
Persuasive/Opinion Statements		X						X																											
Compare/Contrast (Similar/Different)									X	X							X	X							X										
Literary Devices																																			
Similes																			X	X															
Idioms																						X													
Onomatopoeia																							X	X											
Alliteration																										X	X								
Hyperbole																												X	X						

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Paragraphs/Compositions																																						
Poetry													X	X	X	X																		X	X	X	X	X
Informal friendly letter																										X	X	X										
Formal business letter							X	X																														
1st-person Narrative											X	X																										
3rd-person Narrative (mystery)					X	X																																
3rd-person Informative																							X	X														
3rd-person Informative-Narrative																													X	X								
Informative Report																			X	X	X																	
Summary																																				X	X	X

X = Introduced; R = Reviewed

Prefix	Day(s)/ Week(s)	Suffix	Day(s)/ Week(s)	Prefix	Day(s)/ Week(s)	Suffix	Day(s)/ Week(s)
		ed	Day 4	para	Week 17	ing, ed	Week 17
		s, es, ren, ing, ful	Day 5	re, im	Week 18	less	Week 18
		Ing	Week 2			age, ly, able, y	Week 19
		s, ed, ion	Week 3			ance, ary	Week 20
		ing, ed	Week 4			ern	Week 21
re	Week 6					al	Week 22
		ing, er, ar, ist, ful	Week 7	im, en	Week 23	ation, ion, sion, ence, al, ous, ness	Week 23
		er, est, th	Week 8	a, ap	Week 24	ment, able	Week 24
re	Week 9	ing, ed, y	Week 9			ian, ite, ion	Week 25
		ion	Week 10			ed, ion, ing, est, ation, al, es	Week 26
al	Week 11	ive, ent	Week 11			y, ible, ation, ery	Week 27
en, a	Week 12	ward	Week 12			ly, ence, or, ial, ful	Week 28
		ing, ed, ous, ly	Week 13	un	Week 29	ment, ate, ity, es, ly	Week 29
		ed, or	Week 14	dis, de	Week 30	ion, ed, ment, ent	Week 30
al	Week 15	ence, ion, sion, ice, en, ant, ent	Week 15			ly, ful, ed, ant, ance, ion, ence, er, ship	Week 31
re, un	Week 16	able, ed	Week 16			al, ed, ion, ment, ian, s, ing, able	Week 32

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TEXT STRUCTURE: Elements																																		
Narratives	X	X	X																															
Title, Author, Illustrator	X	X																																
Retell story/details	X	X																																
Informatives	X	X	X			X																												
Title, Author, Illustrator		X																																
Retell information		X																																
Informative-Narratives	X	X	X																															
Title, Author, Illustrator	X	X																																
Retell information	X	X																																
Point of view	X	X	X																															
Text Features	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																										
Strategies: Fact of Opinion			X			X						X							X	X														
COMPREHENSION: Mental Actions, Strategies																																		
Mental Actions																																		
Monitor Comprehension				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Make Connections				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Make Predictions				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Reformat									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mentally Summarize									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Strategies																																		
Compare and Contrast									X			X																			X		X	X
Analogies													X																					
Description													X	X	X	X	X	X											X	X				
Generalizations												X																						
LITERARY APPRECIATION: Attributes, Expanded Narrative Elements, Fluency																																		
Attributes																																		
Precise Language	X	X								X	X	X							X	X			X		X									
Emotional Appeal	X	X								X	X	X							X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Insight		X									X	X							X	X		X		X		X								

