

Blossom Hill
Country Day School

**Grade Level
Benchmarks
for the
Standards Based
Progress
Report Cards**

3rd Trimester



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Blossom Hill Country Day School's new report cards are now "Standards Based". This means that you will get very specific feedback concerning your child's progress in meeting the benchmarks for your child's grade level. These benchmarks change over the course of the year as the students learn new content and master new skills. Because of this, you will need to consult a different guide each trimester to see which items are being assessed on your child's report card. These benchmarks have been developed to ensure that all students are meeting the goals set by the Core Content Curriculum Standards. We hope that you appreciate the more detailed picture you will receive concerning your child's achievement. If you need help interpreting any part of the report card or have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

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Blossom Hill Country day School Grade Level Benchmarks for the Standards Based Progress Report

Kindergarten

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Reading: Literature	
Key Ideas and Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer simple comprehension questions about texts read aloud • Identify characters, setting, and major events of texts read aloud • Retell familiar stories with prompting and support
Craft and Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify if a text is a poem or a story • Describe the role of the author and illustrator
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses illustrations to tell about a story • Uses illustrations to figure out unknown words • Compare the adventures of two characters in a story with prompting and support
Range of Reading and Text Complexity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen attentively and participate appropriately in group reading experiences

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Reading: Informational Text	
Key Ideas and Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer simple comprehension questions about texts read aloud
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make predictions about texts read aloud
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make connections between texts read aloud
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text with prompting and support
Craft and Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the front cover and back cover of a book
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the title page of a book
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use illustrations to tell about a text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make connections between the words and pictures of a text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic
Range of Reading and Text Complexity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen attentively and participate appropriately in group reading experiences

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Reading: Foundational Skills	
Concepts About Print	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate basic understanding of book handling skills
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow words with proper directionality (left to right, top to bottom, and page by page)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that letters make up words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that words make up sentences
Letter Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify 26 uppercase letters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify 26 lowercase letters
Phonological Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and produce rhyming words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count syllables in spoken words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blend and segment phonemes in single syllable spoken words
Phonics Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all consonant sounds
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all vowel sounds
Sight Word Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and write 25 high frequency words
Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independently read Level 3 (Guided Reading Level C) texts

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Writing	
Text Types and Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a story using pictures and words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write about a topic using pictures and words
Production and Distribution of Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply suggestions to add to pictures or writing
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Speaking and Listening	
Comprehension and Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in conversations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow rules for speaking and listening
Presentation of Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe familiar people, places, things, and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak using appropriate voice volume
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express ideas clearly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak using correct grammar

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Language	
Conventions of Standard English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print 26 uppercase letters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print 26 lowercase letters
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of opposites
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act out verbs to show meaning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort common objects into categories and explain why they belong together

Kindergarten Mathematics

MATHEMATICS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Counting and Cardinality	
	Count to 100 by 1's and 10's
	Count on from a given number
	Read and write numbers to 100
	Count with one to one correspondence.
	Compare numbers greater than, less than, or equal to Write numbers to label sets to 20
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	
	Recognize, extend, and construct patterns
	Can add and subtract number combinations to 5

MATHEMATICS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Number and Operations in Base Ten	
	Can compose and decompose numbers from 11-19 into tens and ones.
Measurement and Data	
	Can compare length, height, and weight
	Can sort and classify objects
Geometry	
	Identify positional words
	Identify shapes
	Identify solid shapes

Kindergarten Science

SCIENCE	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts and principles of Life Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sunshine and shadows.
	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the five senses.
Applies science practices and process skills	
	Use the senses to observe and collect information about the world around us.
	Ask questions and engage in discussions.

Kindergarten Social Studies

SOCIAL STUDIES	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Civics, Government, and Human Rights	Not Assessed
Geography People and the Environment	Not Assessed
Economics, Innovation, and Technology	Not Assessed
History, Culture, and Perspectives	Recognizes and understands the symbols of American Democracy
	Recognizes and understands a variety of cultural holidays

Kindergarten Library and Research Skills

LIBRARY/RESEARCH SKILLS	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Infrastructure	Understand purpose of book cover information.
	Confirm understanding of subject orally or through other media.
	Identify a variety of information sources.
Ethics	Demonstrate appropriate behavior and care of the Library Media Center resources

Kindergarten Physical Education

PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Knowledge of Wellness/Skill Content and Concepts	Understand the ways in which exercise helps a person stay healthy
	Demonstrate an understanding of the idea of wellness
	Ability to categorize feelings and appropriate ways to express them
	Attempts to explain why some foods are healthier than others
Motor Skills	Attempts movement skills in isolated and group settings
	Correct movement in response to feedback
	Change movement in response to changing environment, smaller or larger area
Life Skills	Exhibits responsibility for self, others, and equipment in the gymnasium
	Understands and follows classroom routine
	Demonstrates effective communication and listening skills

Kindergarten Health Education

HEALTH EDUCATION	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Health Promotion Concepts and Skills	Develop an awareness of healthy habits
	Use safe practices indoors and out
	Identify basic social and emotional needs of all people.

Kindergarten Art

Art	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Knowledge and Skills of Arts Elements and Principles	Students will make progress towards understanding the element of art: form
	Students will continue making progress towards understanding the elements of line, value, color and space as they explore the transparency of the medium of watercolor.
Performance, Response, and Critique	Understands that art is an individual expression of self

Kindergarten Music

Music	Benchmarks for Trimester 3
Knowledge and Skills of Arts Elements and Principals	Distinguish between a man's voice, a woman's voice, and a child's voice.
	Use iconic notation to identify steady beat and melodic direction
Performance, Response, and Critique	Understands that music is an individual expression of self

Kindergarten Educational Technology

Educational Technology	
	Not Assessed

