

Blossom Hill
Country Day School

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

1st 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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Kindergarten Language Arts

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Reading: Literature	
Key Ideas and Details	Answer simple comprehension questions about texts read aloud
	Identify characters and setting of texts read aloud
Craft and Structure	Identify if a text is a poem or a story
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	Uses illustrations to tell about a story
Range of Reading and Text Complexity	Listens attentively and participates appropriately in group reading experiences

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Reading: Informational Text	
Key Ideas and Details	Answer simple comprehension questions about texts read aloud
	Make predictions about text read aloud
Craft and Structure	identify the front cover and back cover of a book
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	Use illustrations to tell about a text
Range of Reading and Text Complexity	Listen attentively and participate appropriately in group reading experiences

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Reading: Foundational Skills	
Concepts About Print	Demonstrate basic understanding of book handling skills
	Follows words with proper directionality (left to right, top to bottom, and page by page)
	Recognize that letters make up words
Letter Identification	Identify 20 uppercase letters
Phonological Awareness	Recognize rhyming words
	Produce rhyming words
Phonics Skills	Not Assessed
Sight Word Recognition	Read and write 5 high frequency words
Fluency	Not Assessed

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Writing	
Text Types and Purposes	Tell a story through pictures
Production and Distribution of Writing	Apply suggestions to add to pictures or writing
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	Not Assessed

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Speaking and Listening	
Comprehension and Collaboration	Participate in conversations
	Follow rules for speaking and listening
Presentation of Knowledge	Describe familiar people, places, things, and events
	Speak using appropriate voice volume
	Express ideas clearly
	Speak using correct grammar

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Language	
Conventions of Standard English	Print 20 uppercase letters
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	Demonstrate an understanding of opposites
	Act out verbs to show meaning

Kindergarten Mathematics

MATHEMATICS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Counting and Cardinality	
	Count to 25 by 1's
	Count on from a given number
	Read and write numbers 0 -20
	Count with one to one correspondence.
	Compare numbers greater than, less than, or equal to
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	
	Represent addition and subtraction in various ways.
	Recognize, construct and extend patterns.

MATHEMATICS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Number and Operations in Base Ten	
	Not Assessed
Measurement and Data	
	Describe and compare length, height and weight.
	Sort and classify according to identified characteristics
Geometry	
	Name and demonstrate position words
	Identify and describe shapes

Kindergarten Science

SCIENCE	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts and principles of Life Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science	
	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 1
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

Kindergarten Library and Research Skills

LIBRARY/RESEARCH SKILLS	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Infrastructure	Identify the functions of the Library Media Center
	Develop an awareness of the Library Media Center rules and procedures
	Begin to develop a familiarity with the layout of the Library Media Center
	Begin to develop an awareness of the types of materials available in the Library Media Center
Ethics	Demonstrate appropriate behavior and care of the Library Media Center resources

Kindergarten Physical Education

PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
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
Motor Skills	Recognizes the differences between locomotor skills and attempts to execute them
Life Skills	Exhibits responsibility for self, others, and equipment in the gymnasium

Kindergarten Health Education

HEALTH EDUCATION	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Health Promotion Concepts and Skills	Develop an awareness of healthy habits (e.g., use clean tissues, wash hands, handle food hygienically, brush teeth, and dress appropriately for the weather).
	Use safe practices indoors and out (e.g., wear bike helmets, walk in the classroom, understand how to participate in emergency drills, and understand why car seats and seat belts are used).
	Identify basic social and emotional needs of all people.

Kindergarten Art

Art	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Knowledge and Skills of Arts Elements and Principles	Understands elements of art: color, positive/negative space, primary/secondary colors, tints, and shades
	Uses the tools in the art room for their intended purpose
Performance, Response, and Critique	Understands that art is an individual expression of self

Kindergarten Music

Music	Benchmarks for Trimester 1
Knowledge and Skills of Arts Elements and Principals	Differentiate among the types of sounds a voice can produce, i.e. talking, singing, whispering, shouting
	Produce music using body percussion and simple rhythmic band instruments
Performance, Response, and Critique	Understands that music is an individual expression of self

Kindergarten Educational Technology

Educational Technology	
	Not Assessed