

CURRICULUM STANDARDS & BENCHMARKS FOR GRADES 3–5

Language Arts	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Culminating
Uses the general skills and strategies of the writing process				
Evaluates own and others' writing		x	x	x
Writes narrative accounts, such as poems and stories	x		x	x
Writes personal letters (e.g., includes the date, address, greeting, body, and closing; addresses envelopes; includes signature)	x			
Gathers and uses information for research purposes				
Uses a variety of strategies to plan research	x			x
Uses strategies to gather and record information for research topics (e.g., uses notes, maps, charts, graphs, tables, and other graphic organizers; paraphrases and summarizes information; gathers direct quotes; provides narrative descriptions)		x		x
Uses the general skills and strategies of the reading process				
Makes, confirms, and revises simple predictions about what will be found in a text			x	
Social Studies				
Understands how democratic values came to be, and how they have been exemplified by people, events, and symbols				
Understands how people have helped make the community a better place to live (e.g., helping the homeless)	x	x		
Understands the causes of the Great Depression and how it affected American society				
Understands economic aspects of the Great Depression (e.g., the factors that contributed to the Great Depression; the effects of the depression)	x			x
Understands the environmental and social impact of the Great Depression	x			x

Source: McREL (Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning).