

7 Strengths Rubric

STRENGTH PROFICIENCY (horizontal tally)

EMERGING (1–4 checks)	Beginning to show evidence of the skills and habits of the strength.
APPROACHING (5–8 checks)	Sometimes demonstrates evidence of the skills and habits of the strength.
ACHIEVING (9–12 checks)	Displays consistency in skills and habits associated with the strength.

	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	SCORE
<p>Belonging Being a valued, cherished member of a larger community</p> <p>Literacy and belonging connect by providing examples of community, cultivating safe space and common ground, and providing ways to identify, create, and share experiences of community.</p>	<p>Finds connections between words and families of words</p> <p>Connects with others through shared experiences in reading</p> <p>Identifies with characters in books</p> <p>Connects communities in text to their own experiences</p>	<p>Connects with others through shared writing experiences</p> <p>Connects to favorite authors</p> <p>Shares one's own community experience in writing</p>	<p>Connects with others through shared experiences in conversation</p> <p>Demonstrates active engagement with others' ideas</p> <p>Demonstrates an understanding of the values of the group</p>	<p>Expresses opinions in a community discussion</p> <p>Expresses perspectives that will further the learning of the community</p> <p>Uses ideas to verbally connect with others</p>	
<p>Friendship Having close, trusting relationships and personal connections to others</p> <p>Literacy builds friendship by providing examples of trusting relationships and allowing opportunities to explore multiple perspectives.</p>	<p>Feels comfortable decoding words and exploring unfamiliar vocabulary with partners</p> <p>Shares texts with others</p> <p>Shares ideas with others based on reading and writing experiences</p> <p>Identifies qualities of connectedness/ friendship in books read</p>	<p>Shares writing with others</p> <p>Creates connections between characters in one's own writing</p> <p>Connects to others as writers, finding commonalities in theme, topic, and craft</p>	<p>Listens to stories and writing of others</p> <p>Invites others to share ideas to improve writing</p> <p>Shares thoughts about others' writing humbly and with appreciation</p>	<p>Shares ideas with others in a give-and-take</p> <p>Shares ideas comfortably with others</p> <p>Reaches out to help friends share their ideas through extension of conversation or inquiry-based conference</p>	
<p>Kindness Being compassionate toward others; expressing tenderness that has an impact, near and far</p> <p>Literacy helps establish the language of kindness in both word and action by enabling practice forums for cultivating empathy and building bridges.</p>	<p>Cares about characters and events in books</p> <p>Cares about the ideas of other readers in the room</p> <p>Cares about fellow readers in the community, creating an environment where all feel at ease</p> <p>Shows a sense of understanding for one's own stumbles and progress navigating difficult texts</p>	<p>Shows interest in others' writing ideas</p> <p>Shows empathy in characters and plot</p> <p>Helps improve others' writing with care and tenderness</p>	<p>Shares open-ended questions to demonstrate active listening</p> <p>Uses positive body language to demonstrate openness</p> <p>Affirms others' ideas in nonverbal ways</p>	<p>Speaks about one's ideas in ways that incorporate values from books read together</p> <p>Expresses opinions with openness for others to add on</p> <p>Expresses ideas with care and tact, walking peers through one's thinking</p>	
<p>Curiosity Fostering a willingness to explore new territory and test new theories</p> <p>Literacy builds curiosity by inspiring questions, providing access to information, and offering an outlet for sharing ideas with the world.</p>	<p>Explores words and ideas in text</p> <p>Explores different genres and styles of text</p> <p>Explores wonderings across texts</p>	<p>Explores a variety of writing styles</p> <p>Explores use of author's craft</p> <p>Explores own passions and makes choices about what to write about</p>	<p>Reacts to read-alouds with further inquiry</p> <p>Demonstrates openness to others' points of view</p> <p>Asks inquiring questions of others' reactions to text</p>	<p>Explores ideas by talking about them</p> <p>Expresses ideas in the form of open-ended questions</p> <p>Shares plans for pursuing wonderings</p>	

EMERGING: 1–4 • APPROACHING: 5–8 • ACHIEVING: 9–12

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<p>Confidence Thinking independently, expressing ideas, and pushing through the hard parts with resilience</p> <p>Literacy builds confidence by enabling infinite worlds for exploration. The manipulation of language itself provides opportunity for creativity and stepping outside of oneself.</p>	<p>Builds a diverse reading profile by reading books in various different genres</p> <p>Takes risks in reading, pushing through hard parts</p> <p>Builds skills by experimenting with different reading strategies</p> <p>Tries out new ways to break down words and use phonics and morphology to explore new language</p>	<p>Experiments with new writing styles</p> <p>Builds new vocabulary</p> <p>Takes risks by trying new genres and examples of authors</p>	<p>Listens without judging others</p> <p>Uses advice from peers or teacher to improve writing</p> <p>Builds skills by using active body language to indicate powerful listening</p>	<p>Builds skills in speaking in public about one's ideas</p> <p>Builds strength in sharing opinions about books</p> <p>Builds capacity for sharing ideas that may not be the same as others'</p>	
<p>Courage Having the strength to stand up for yourself, for others, and to take action when it is needed</p> <p>Literacy builds courage by providing examples of courage both big and small. The development of literacy skills allows for scaffolded victories and opportunities for celebrating new strengths.</p>	<p>Tackles hard words and uses phonics and other skills to break through the hard parts of sentences</p> <p>Takes chances as a reader on books that feel hard</p> <p>Takes chances on books that may seem out of one's interest area</p> <p>Sees empowerment connections between one's life and the books one is reading</p>	<p>Takes a chance with a new writing style</p> <p>Takes a chance with a new writing genre</p> <p>Writes about topics that may introduce controversy or that requires standing up for something</p>	<p>Takes the chance to listen to a different point of view</p> <p>Works hard on being a deep listener to a peer</p> <p>Works hard to incorporate ideas that could change one's mind</p>	<p>Shares new ideas aloud</p> <p>Adds onto a conversation even when it's not the majority opinion</p> <p>Is able to disagree forthrightly and without rancor to build new ideas</p>	
<p>Hope Thinking optimistically and believing that today's efforts will produce good things in the future for yourself and the world</p> <p>Literacy builds hope by providing examples of belonging, curiosity, friendship, kindness, confidence, and courage.</p>	<p>Sets reading goals</p> <p>Contributes to the well-being of the reading community with optimism</p> <p>Uses ideas from reading to think about community and world issues</p>	<p>Sets writing goals</p> <p>Uplifts the community with stories/writing that impacts others</p> <p>Considers ways that writing can effect change</p>	<p>Sets listening goals</p> <p>Approaches listening to peers with a sense of optimism about the value of their ideas</p> <p>Uses someone else's ideas to help further a productive conversation</p>	<p>Sets speaking goals</p> <p>Approaches speaking to peers with a sense of optimism about the value of sharing ideas</p> <p>Uses one's own ideas to help further a productive conversation</p>	
LITERACY STRAND PROFICIENCY (vertical tally)					

EMERGING: 1–4 • APPROACHING: 5–8 • ACHIEVING: 9–12

EMERGING (1–7 checked boxes)
APPROACHING (8–12 checked boxes)
ACHIEVING (15–21 checked boxes)