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## FOR K-5 TEACHERS



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# Suggested Beginning of the Year (BOY) Checklist for Virtual Instruction:

## Recommended Literacy Planning Guide, Academic Readiness, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Factors, and Partnerships with Families



### PLANNING FOR INSTRUCTION

- Collaborate with colleagues to discuss, share, and learn best practices for conducting virtual instruction.
- Identify and setup the physical location for virtual instruction.
- Identify the online and physical materials needed for instruction (student and teacher).
- Identify the virtual platform (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meets, etc.).
  - Explore the features which support the virtual platform for synchronous (real-time) instruction. Features to explore may include mute, unmute, start video, stop video, chat functions, waiting rooms, breakout rooms, etc.
  - Explore the features which support the virtual platform for asynchronous (learner-centered) instruction. Features to explore may include sending messages and giving feedback.
- Determine the method that will be used for collection of assignments during asynchronous and/or synchronous instruction.
- Identify the district or school contact who is responsible for supporting students and families with technical difficulties.

### GUIDING ACADEMIC READINESS



- Identify the universal screener administration window (e.g., STAR, i-Ready, NWEA's MAP Assessment, etc.).
- Identify diagnostic assessments needed based on screener data.
- Identify opportunities to transfer traditional curriculum to include (or expand to) virtual opportunities for students.
- Provide the students materials needed prior to instruction.
- Establish routines and procedures to ensure successful virtual instruction.
  - Check social/emotional needs.
  - Provide guidance to students and parents on virtual platform features such as mute, unmute, start video, stop video, chat functions, waiting rooms, breakout rooms, etc.
  - Establish students' engagement routines/procedures (asking and answering questions, participation strategies, transitions).
  - Determine how students will display their work during whole- and small-group instruction.

- Maintain consistency in a daily routine:
  - Take attendance and establish routines for absent students. Identify reason(s) for absence(s) and address those with administration if needed.
  - Conduct social/emotional student check-ins.
  - Execute consistent **instructional routines** for synchronous and asynchronous learning.
  - Track assignment submissions, provide feedback on assignments, and follow up with students as needed.
  - Support students with technical issues.

## EXPLORING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) FACTORS



- Identify warning signs for social/emotional needs, academics, developmental milestones, and suspected neglect or abuse. Establish a plan with school leadership for reporting/addressing these concerns.
- Schedule a time for students to interact in an unstructured, monitored way throughout the day.
- Watch for students who may be absent, withdrawn, or struggling and connect with them one-on-one.
- Anticipate the types of support families will need to provide for students when planning weekly instruction.

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES



- Collect student contact information.
- Develop a plan to track and sustain family communication.
- Connect with students' families via email, phone, or text. Administer a survey to gather information regarding which family member/caregiver will be supporting student learning at home.
- Communicate family expectations for online learning (technical support, student learning expectations, teacher office hours, and teacher contact information).
- Communicate student expectations for online learning (attendance, participation, assignments, assessments, synchronous vs. asynchronous instruction, etc.).
- Guide families through utilizing the virtual platform, family/teacher communication processes, teacher feedback and student assessment(s) (e.g. virtual family night, family focus groups, email, pre-recorded video).

# Sample Weekly Literacy Schedule for Virtual Instruction

PURPOSE:	DAY 1: INTRODUCTION	DAY 2: REVIEW AND EXPAND	DAY 3: REVIEW AND ADD	DAY 4: REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE	DAY 5: CHECK FOR MASTERY, ENRICHMENT & REMEDIATION
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
20 minutes or less	<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning	<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning	<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning	<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning	<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning
10 minutes	Greet and SEL	Greet and SEL	Greet and SEL	Greet and SEL	Greet and SEL
K: 15-20 minutes GRADE 1: 15-20 minutes GRADE 2: 15-20 minutes GRADES 3-5: 20-30 minutes (time per group)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Whole Group: Language Comprehension (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Whole Group: Language Comprehension (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Whole Group: Language Comprehension (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Whole Group: Language Comprehension (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Whole Group: Language Comprehension; Enrichment (with teacher)
<b>15-30 minutes</b>	<b>BREAK</b>				
K: 20 minutes GRADE 1: 30 minutes GRADE 2: 25 minutes GRADES 3-5: 20 minutes (time per group)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Small Groups: Word Recognition (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Small Groups: Word Recognition (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Small Groups: Word Recognition (with teacher)	<b>SYNCHRONOUS</b> Small Groups: Word Recognition (with teacher)	<b>ASSESSMENT</b> <i>Weekly:</i> Check for Mastery (with teacher)  <b>Assessments may include:</b> Benchmark, Screeners, Progress Monitoring
20 minutes/group	Interventions	Interventions	Interventions	Interventions	Interventions

## Schedule Descriptions



## SYNCHRONOUS: Real-Time Instructional Approach

- Instruction delivered in a specific place, at a specific time for students
- Includes collaboration and immediate feedback
- Video conferencing, live webinars, virtual classrooms



## ASYNCHRONOUS: Learner-Centered Approach

- Content provided to students and accessed when they choose
- Includes self-pacing
- Discussion boards, online assignments, email, blogs, pre-recorded videos

### MON.-THURS.

### GRADES K-2

### GRADES 3-5

ASYNCHRONOUS  
Pre-Class Learning  
Language  
Comprehension



Students will watch (or listen to) a pre-recorded video (e.g. read aloud) which introduces a new topic, vocabulary, or concepts.

- Draw pictures or write sentences to retell
- Complete sentences from words provided about the new concept
- Use an online platform (e.g. Seesaw, Flipgrid, Quizlet) to review vocabulary from the text selections
- Use sorting mats for vocabulary and/or knowledge concepts

The Pre-Class Learning routine includes the following elements (K-5):

- **Introduction** of the unit focus
- **Warm up** with questions for activation
- **Introduction to the text** and core vocabulary with images
- **Setting the purpose** for reading
- **Reading** the text
- **Responding** to text

Students will watch (or listen to) a pre-recorded video (or read text) which introduces a new topic, vocabulary, or concepts.

- Complete a graphic organizer tied to text
- Use an online platform (e.g. Seesaw, Flipgrid, Quizlet) to review vocabulary from the text selections
- Use sorting mats for vocabulary and/or knowledge concepts
- Use a new topics journal or vocabulary notebook to respond to text (e.g. outline, summarize, respond to writing prompt or questions, etc.) to the text and vocabulary

Greet and SEL



Greeting and/or social-emotional check-in (K-5) such as:

- Mood Meter
- Emotion Cards
- Zoom chat or emoji: How are you feeling?
- Hand greeting
- 1-minute show and tell
- Open-ended sentences tied to new instructional topic: “My favorite animal is... because ...”

SYNCHRONOUS

Whole Group:  
Language  
Comprehension



Whole-Group instruction should include complex texts and introduce grade-level language and reading comprehension standards.

- Introduce and review vocabulary
- Ask and answer questions about the text/video
- Complete graphic organizers and association maps about the topic
- Complete vocabulary notebook template for selected words

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- Introduce and review vocabulary
- Ask and answer questions about the text/video
- Complete graphic organizers about the topic
- Conduct comprehension activity to ensure understanding
- Clear up misconceptions using an exit ticket

Whole-Group routine includes the following elements for grades (K-5):

- **Warm up** with questions/ideas from the prework (e.g. think, pair, share with breakout group or chat response)
- **Review** the purpose of reading the text and vocabulary words
- **Reread** the text or highlight sections of the text with guided questions, supports, and focus on vocabulary words
- **Discuss** a portion of the read aloud that includes all 3 levels of questioning (recall, analysis, synthesis)
- **Complete a graphic organizer** with new information on the topic
- **Practice word work** that focuses on a phonics skill, vocabulary word, and/or phrase in the text
- **Close lesson** with an exit ticket and assignment to complete



**BREAK** (15-30 minutes)

SYNCHRONOUS

Small Groups:  
Word Recognition

**Warm up:** Use a paper (or virtual) letter flip chart to review letters, sounds, phonics patterns. Review irregularly spelled high-frequency words.

**Phonological Awareness:** Use phonological awareness continuum to sequence instruction based on data; skills will be differentiated and taught to mastery.

**Warm Up:** Use a paper (or virtual) letter flip chart to review letters, sounds, phonics patterns. Review irregularly spelled high-frequency words.

**Phonological Awareness** if needed.

**\*Advanced Phonics:** Skills will be differentiated and taught to mastery.





**Phonics:** Skills will be differentiated and taught to mastery.

- Introduce a new pattern(s)
- Code or mark pattern(s) within words
- Decode words with the new pattern
- Practice reading words or phrases fluently
- Practice sorting, phoneme-grapheme mapping, or chaining words with the new pattern
- Encode sounds, words, and sentences

- Introduce a new pattern(s)
- Code or mark pattern(s) and syllables within words
- Decode words with the new pattern and spelling
- Practice reading words, phrases, sentences fluently
- Practice sorting, phoneme-grapheme mapping, or chaining words with the new pattern
- Encode multisyllabic words and sentences

**Fluency:** Read decodable text or grade-level anchor text.

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**\*Advanced Phonics** may include advanced vowel/spelling patterns; affixes- prefixes and suffixes; etymology and morphology; syllable types; encoding and decoding multisyllabic words with sounds and spelling.

**ASSIGNMENT**  
Word Recognition &  
Language  
Comprehension



- Review, write, or sort previously learned letters (upper- and lowercase)
- Read decodable text
- Review and practice high-frequency words
- Complete assignment using provided materials (like felt squares, color tiles) from school
- Complete word sort
- Complete and update a graphic organizer
- Complete and update a vocabulary journal template
- Draw pictures or write sentences to retell or summarize
- Complete word learning strategies using vocabulary words

- Practice sorting, phoneme-grapheme mapping, or chaining words with the new pattern
- Read a related short passage that connects to the read aloud of the day
- Respond to comprehension questions pertaining to the text
- Record/write an oral summary to upload and email to the teacher
- Complete a graphic organizer (timeline of events, map of setting, vocabulary)
- Create riddles using vocabulary and key concepts from the read aloud

**ASYNCHRONOUS**  
Work Resources



**Word Recognition**

This list consists of some possible online resources for teachers to incorporate into word recognition practice.

Phonological Awareness, Phonics & Handwriting:

- [UURC Tracing Board in the App Store](#)
- [Alphabet Streets in the App Store](#)
- [Letter Formation in the App Store](#)
- [Short Vowels in the App Store](#)
- [Reading Intervention Videos](#)

**Language Comprehension**

This list consists of some possible online resources for teachers to incorporate into language comprehension practice.

Vocabulary, Fluency, & Comprehension:

- [Root Words](#)
- [Root Word Games & Exercises - Teaching Root Words to Kids](#)
- [Storyline Online](#) - Online read alouds
- [...: My Capstone Library ...](#) - Online library, interactive e-books
- [Kids Stories](#)

- [OG Card Deck](#) in the App Store
- [Starfall Education](#)
- [Starfall.com: Talking Library](#)
- [Digital Library for Kids](#)
- [Rhyme & Climb](#)
- [PhonicBursts \(satpinmd\)](#) in the App Store
- [26 Letters](#) in the App Store
- [Seesaw Assignment](#)
- [i-Ready assignments](#)
- [Instant Phrases by Teach Speech Apps](#) in the App Store
- [Morpheme Dictionary](#) in the App Store
- [Cursive Writing Wizard - Handwriting](#) - Apps on Google Play
- [Learn Cursive Handwriting with 'Cursive Writing LetterSchool' - LOWERCASE ABC](#)
- [Prefixes Suffixes & Root Word](#)
- [Heart Word Magic](#) - Really Great Reading
- [ABCKids - Tracing & Phonics](#) in the App Store
- [Bob Books Reading Magic](#):  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id405995002?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
- [HOMER Reading: Learn to Read](#) in the App Store
- [Simplex Spelling Light](#) in the App Store
- [Wonster Words Learning Games](#) in the App Store
- [Articulation Station](#) in the App Store
- [Fluency Level 1](#) in the App Store Fluency app
- [Instant Phrases by Teach Speech Apps](#) in the App Store
- [BookRecorder](#) in the App Store (record a read aloud or story retell)
- [Starfall Education](#)
- [Digital Library for Kids](#)
- [Vocabulary City](#)
- [Flocabulary.com](#)
- [Time for Kids](#)
- [Quizlet.com](#)
- [Etymology | Definition of Etymology by Oxford Dictionary on Lexico.com also meaning of Etymology](#)
- [Word Study Resources](#):  
<https://uucr.utah.edu/Educators/Resources-T1WS.php>
- [Bluster!](#) in the App Store
- [Home » TextProject](#)
- [Online library Educators Resources](#)
- [Comprehension Builder: Reading Skills Support...](#) in the App Store (comprehension, inference, and main idea)
- [Best Note Taking App - Organize Your Notes with Evernote](#) (note taking, organizing, task management, and archiving)

## INTERVENTIONS

20 minutes



These groups should be differentiated according to diagnostic data.

Instruction should follow a systematic and explicit lesson format.

These lesson components ensure that students receive direct instruction on the focus skills, practice decoding and encoding, and build fluency through connected text.

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GRADES K-5

**ASYNCHRONOUS**  
Pre-Class Learning  
Language  
Comprehension



Students will listen to a pre-recorded video with instructions for review with vocabulary or concepts.

- Use sorting mats for vocabulary and/or knowledge concepts
- Complete a graphic organizer about the text
- Draw pictures or compose sentences to retell or summarize
- Compose sentences about the new concept using words provided
- Review concepts by using an online platform (e.g. Seesaw, Flipgrid, Quizlet)
- Utilize a knowledge or vocabulary notebook to draw, summarize, retell, outline, or respond to questions about the text and vocabulary
- Respond to a text-dependent prompt about the text by writing or drawing
- Check for understanding using an online quiz (e.g. Nearpod) or quiz provided by the teacher

Greet and SEL



Social-emotional check-in such as:

- Mood Meter, Emotion Cards
- Hand greeting (e.g. thumbs up, thumbs down, clapping hands)
- Virtual High Fives
- Zoom chat or emoji: How are you feeling?
- Open-ended sentences: “If your mood was a weather, what would it be?” or “If your mood was a song, what would it be?”

**SYNCHRONOUS**  
Whole Group:  
Language  
Comprehension



- Introduce an enrichment text, video, or slideshow
- Participate in a vocabulary game
- Complete graphic organizers and association maps about the topic
- Complete virtual learning survey (e.g. what worked, what did not work, what was most complicated, what needs more clarification)



**BREAK** (15-30 minutes)

### SYNCHRONOUS

Small Groups:  
Word Recognition



- Assess or progress monitor
- Reteach/remediate as needed
- Practice reading words or phrases fluently
- Practice sorting, phoneme-grapheme mapping, or chaining words with the new pattern
- Encode sounds, words, and sentences

### ASYNCHRONOUS

After Learning  
Word Recognition



- Practice using a digital platform – assigned skill (e.g. i-Ready or Lexia)
- Use sorting mats for phonological awareness skills
- Utilize word maps for advanced phonics concepts: etymology, morphology, multisyllabic words with prefixes and suffixes
- Review sounds/spellings by making and sorting words
- Review and practice reading and spelling high-frequency words (HFW)
- Blend and read decodable text
- Decode and encode multisyllabic words with sound-spelling and include affixes: prefixes and suffixes

# Example Weekly Lesson Plan Using *\*Core Knowledge Curriculum*

## FIRST GRADE SAMPLE VIRTUAL PLAN– ELA \*Examples and units of study from [CKLA.1/Domain 2](#)

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION					
	Day 1 Introduce	Day 2 Review/Expand	Day 3 Review/Add	Day 4 Review/Synthesize	Day 5 Enrichment/ Assessment
<b>Standards</b>	RI.1.1,7; W.1.2,8; SL.14,5; L.1.1,5	RI.1.7; SL.1.4; L.1.4,5,6	RI.1.2; W.1.2,8; SL.1.4,5; L.1.5	RI.1.2,7,9; W.1.8; SL.1.4; L.1.5,6	
<b>Text and Vocabulary from Core Knowledge</b>	<b>Lesson 1:</b> “Everybody Has a Body” human, network, organs, oxygen, systems	<b>Lesson 2:</b> “The Body’s Framework” joint, skeletal system, skeleton, skull, spine, support	<b>Lesson 3:</b> “Marvelous Moving Muscles” involuntary, muscles, muscular system, tendons, voluntary	<b>Lesson 4:</b> “Chew, Swallow, Squeeze, and Churn” digestion, digestive system, esophagus, intestine, stomach	
<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning 20 minutes or less	<p><b>1. Introduce Unit:</b> The next few weeks we will learn about our own bodies and how they work.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Ask KWL questions about how their bodies work.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images. <i>Show image 1A-1: Meet Dr. Welbody. Tell students that Dr. Welbody is going to help them understand their bodies.</i></p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully to find out what is in their bodies beneath their skin that keeps them alive and healthy.</p> <p><b>5. Read the text.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students that Dr. Welbody said that she was going to teach them about all of the systems at work inside their bodies.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell students that today they are going to learn about the skeletal system.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully to find out the names of different parts of the skeletal system.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text</b> using images and watch <a href="#">Skeletal System Video</a>.</p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students that Dr. Welbody is teaching how the body systems are all tied together in a network to keep the human body alive and healthy.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell them that today they are going to learn about the muscular system.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully to see if their predictions about the most important muscle are correct.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text</b> using images and watch <a href="#">Muscular System Video</a>.</p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students that Dr. Welbody is teaching how the body systems are all tied together in a network to keep the human body healthy.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell students that the process of breaking food down into energy for their bodies is called digestion.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set Purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully to find out if their predictions are correct.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text</b> using PowerPoint and watch <a href="#">Digestive System Video</a>.</p>	<p><b>1. Check</b> for understanding.</p> <p><b>2. Assess</b> using online sources like Nearpod or a short quiz provided by the teacher.</p>

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION | VIRTUAL WHOLE GROUP | SYNCHRONOUS

**WHOLE GROUP**  
20-30 minutes  
(approximately)

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Reread text:** “Everybody Has a Body”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details from the read aloud.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Use a graphic organizer (e.g. [GO Chart](#), KWL) and begin to fill in information about the body. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Use Vocabulary Template in the read-aloud, *Multiple Meaning* activity. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to vocabulary template for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** Name an organ system.

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Read text:** “The Body’s Framework”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details from the read-aloud. Ask *literal* questions.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about skeleton to GO. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Think of something that *supports* people or things. Discuss. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to vocabulary template for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** State a new fact you learned about the skeleton.

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Read text:** “Marvelous Moving Muscles”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details from the read-aloud. Ask *Inferential* questions.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about muscles to GO. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** *Voluntary* means thinking and choosing to do something. Use an *antonyms* activity. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to vocabulary template for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** What surprised you about your muscle?

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Read text** “Chew, Swallow, Squeeze, and Churn”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details from the read-aloud. Ask *Inferential* questions.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about digestion to GO. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Digestion is the process of breaking down food. Use an *antonyms* activity. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to vocabulary template for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** List some things that you like to put in your digestive system.

**1. Review GO.**

**2. Facilitate** students discussion.

**3. Word work:** Complete vocabulary work using a matching game (online platform).

**4. Assess:** Complete quiz and discuss answers.

**Students respond to Q&A about Zoom.**

1. What worked or did not work?
2. What did you like or did not like?
3. What would you like to change?
4. What was the biggest challenge?

**ASYNCHRONOUS**  
Tasks for Language  
Comprehension

**Assignment for Feedback:**

1. Complete & Update GO. *Refer to screenshots.*
2. Complete vocabulary template. *Refer to screenshots.*
3. Create different types of sentences based on what you see in the picture.

**Family Letter:** Complete Instructional Masters 1B-1 and 1B-2.

**Assignment for Feedback:**

1. Complete & Update GO. *Refer to screenshots*
2. Complete vocabulary template. *Refer to screenshots.*
3. Make a “My Body Systems” Booklet (Instructional Master 2B-1)
4. Use Dr. Welbody’s skeleton as a model for drawing their own body skeletons.

**Assignment for Feedback:**

1. Complete & Update GO. *Refer to screenshots.*
2. Complete vocabulary template. *Refer to screenshots.*
3. “My Body Systems” Booklets: Complete the second page in booklet. Write a sentence using the word *muscle*.

**Assignment for Feedback:**

1. Complete & Update GO. *Refer to screenshots.*
2. Complete vocabulary template. *Refer to screenshots.*
3. “My Body Systems” Booklets: Complete the third page of the booklet. Write a sentence using the word *digestion*.
4. Play: [Food Plate “Blast Off Game”](#).



**BREAK** (15-30 minutes)

WORD RECOGNITION | VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS | SYNCHRONOUS

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<b>Standards</b>	RF.K.1,2, L.K.1	RF.K.1,2, L.K.1	RF.K.1,2, L.K.1	RF.K.1,2, L.K.1	
<b>Group 1: 30 min</b> <b>Group 2: 30 min</b> <b>Group 3: 30 min</b> <b>Group 4: 30 min</b>	<b>1. Warm up:</b> Complete vowel flip chart & identify letters. <b>2. Phonological Awareness :</b> Identify ending sounds and categorize. <b>3. Phonics:</b> Focus on short vowel sounds. <b>4. Dictation:</b> Phoneme-Grapheme Mapping (PGM) short vowel words. <b>5. Fluency:</b> Read <i>Tug's Pup</i> . <b>6. Closing:</b> Assignment for Feedback pages P1.1,3.	<b>1. Warm up:</b> Complete vowel flip chart & identified letters. <b>2. Phonological Awareness:</b> Identify ending sounds and categorize. <b>3. Phonics:</b> Focus on short vowel sounds. <b>4. Dictation:</b> PGM short vowel words. <b>5. Fluency:</b> Read <i>Tug's Pup</i> . <b>6. Closing:</b> Assignment for Feedback pages P1.2.2.	<b>1. Warm up:</b> Complete vowel flip chart & identified Letters. <b>2. Phonological Awareness:</b> Identify ending sounds and categorize. <b>3. Phonics:</b> Focus on short vowel sounds. <b>4. Dictation:</b> PGM short vowel words. <b>5. Fluency:</b> Read <i>Tug's Pup</i> . <b>6. Closing:</b> Assignment for Feedback pages P1.3,3.	<b>1. Warm up:</b> Complete vowel flip chart & identified Letters. <b>2. Phonological Awareness:</b> Identify ending sounds and categorize. <b>3. Phonics:</b> Focus on short vowel sounds. <b>4. Dictation:</b> PGM short vowel words. <b>5. Fluency:</b> Read <i>Tug's Pup</i> . <b>6. Closing:</b> Assignment for Feedback pages P1.4,3.	<b>1. Assess:</b> Benchmark Screeners Progress Monitoring <b>2. Reteach</b> (if needed)
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# THIRD GRADE SAMPLE VIRTUAL PLAN – ELA \*Examples and units of study from [CKLA 3/Unit 2](#)

## LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

	Day 1 Introduce	Day 2 Review/Expand	Day 3 Review/Add	Day 4 Review/Synthesize	Day 5 Enrichment/ Assessment
<b>Standards</b>	RI.3.1,7; W.3.2,8; SL.3.4,5; L.3.5	RI.3.7; SL.3.4; L.3.4,5,6	RI.3.2; W.3.2,8; SL.3.4,5; L.3.5	RI.3.2,7,9; W.3.8; SL.3.4; L.3.5,6	
<b>Text and Vocabulary from Core Knowledge</b>	<b>Lesson 1:</b> “Classifying Animals by Characteristics” characteristics, classify, invertebrates, kingdom, organisms, taxonomy, vertebrates	<b>Lesson 2:</b> “Cold-Blooded and Warm-Blooded Animals” bask, cold-blooded, constant, estivate, huddle, internal, regulate, warm-blooded	<b>Lesson 3:</b> “Vertebrate Animals” cartilage, column+, crustacean, exoskeleton, nerves, slither, spine, vertebra	<b>Lesson 4:</b> “Fish: Fins and Gills” aquatic, fertilizes, gills, lungs, respiratory, scales, spawn	
<b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Pre-Class Learning 20 minutes or less	<p><b>1. Introduce Unit:</b> The next few weeks we will learn about classifying animals and their characteristics.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Ask KWL questions about characteristics of animals.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text</b> with images. <i>Show image 1A-1 – “It is helpful to put animals into groups based on their characteristics.”</i></p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully to identify the names of the 5 animal groups and why scientists group them as they do.</p> <p><b>5. Read the text.</b> Watch video.</p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students of the 5 animal groups and their characteristics.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell students that today they are going to learn about cold and warm-blooded animals.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Ask students to listen and identify whether the animal is cold-blooded or warm-blooded.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text.</b> Students will make predictions using a graphic organizer (GO).</p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students of the 5 animal groups and their vocabulary using online platform (e.g. Seesaw).</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell them that today they are going to learn about animals that are classified as vertebrates.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully and identify why the backbone is so important to animals that are classified as vertebrates.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text.</b> Use image cards.</p>	<p><b>1. Review:</b> Remind students of the 5 animal groups and their vocabulary using word sort.</p> <p><b>2. Warm up:</b> Tell students that they are going to learn about fish.</p> <p><b>3. Introduce text and core vocabulary</b> with images.</p> <p><b>4. Set Purpose.</b> Tell students to listen carefully and identify characteristics of fish.</p> <p><b>5. Read the Text.</b> Watch video on fish.</p>	<p><b>1. Assess:</b> Check for understanding.</p> <p><b>2. Short quiz:</b> Use online sources (e.g. Nearpod) or a quiz provided by the teacher.</p>



LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION | VIRTUAL WHOLE GROUP | SYNCHRONOUS

**WHOLE GROUP**  
20-30 minutes  
(approximately)

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Reread text:** “*Classifying Animals by Characteristics*” characteristics\*, classify\*, invertebrates kingdom\*, organisms taxonomy, vertebrates

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details from the text.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Use a classification GO and fill in information about the 5 animal groups.  
*(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Complete the vocabulary template using words from the text: *Multiple Meaning Activity*.  
*(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** Name an animal group and a characteristic of that group. “*After hearing today’s read aloud and comprehension questions and answers, do you have any remaining questions?*”

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.  
Students compose one question based on text.

**3. Read text:** “*Cold-Blooded and Warm-Blooded Animals*”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details with 3 levels of questions.

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about cold and warm-blooded animals to GO.  
*(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Use Vocabulary Template and think of animals that will bask.  
*(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** State a fact you learned about cold- or warm-blooded animals.  
*If students have difficulty responding to questions, reread pertinent passages of the read-aloud and/or refer to specific images.*

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Read text:** “*Vertebrate Animals*”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details with 3 levels of questions (recall, analysis, synthesis).

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about vertebrate animals to GO. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** *Slither* means... Conduct a word study from words in the text. Show students images of animals on cards.  
*(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** List two facts about vertebrates from the text.

**1. Warm up:** Think, pair, and share the information learned from the asynchronous activity in breakout rooms.

**2. Review:** State purpose and review vocabulary words.

**3. Read text:** “*Fish: Fins and Gills*”

**4. Begin the discussion:** Include vocabulary, main idea of text, and details with 3 levels of questions (recall, analysis, synthesis).

**5. Graphic Organizer (GO):** Add new information about fish to GO. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**6. Word Work:** Complete sentence frame “*Aquatic is...*”. Expand with an *antonym* activity. *(Students should take a screenshot to refer to GO for daily assignments.)*

**7. Closing:** List facts about fish from the text.

**1. Review GO.** Ask: “What have we learned this week?”

**2. Facilitate** students discussion.

**3. Word work:** Complete vocabulary work using a matching game (online platform).

**4. Assess:** Complete quiz and discuss answers.

**Students respond to Q&A about Zoom.**

1. What worked or did not work?
2. What did you like or did not like?
3. What would you like to change?
4. What was the biggest challenge?

<p><b>ASYNCHRONOUS</b> Tasks for Language Comprehension</p> <p><b>(Tasks may differ on a daily basis.)</b></p>	<p><b>Assignments for Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete and update the GO.</li> <li>Complete the vocabulary template.</li> <li>Compose (complex and compound) sentences based on the images.</li> <li>Read a related short passage that connects to the read aloud of the day.</li> <li>Respond to comprehension questions pertaining to the text.</li> <li>Use a knowledge or vocabulary notebook to write summaries.</li> </ul> <p><i>Refer to screen shots and images as needed.</i></p>	<p><b>Assignments for Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete and update the GO.</li> <li>Complete vocabulary template.</li> <li>Record (or write) an oral summary. Upload and email to the teacher.</li> <li>Create a drawing to connect character traits.</li> <li>Respond to questions about the text and vocabulary.</li> <li>Use a knowledge or vocabulary notebook to write summaries.</li> </ul> <p><i>Refer to screen shots and images as needed.</i></p>	<p><b>Assignments for Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete and update the GO (timeline of events, map of setting, vocabulary).</li> <li>Complete vocabulary template.</li> <li>Use an online platform (e.g. Seesaw, Flipgrid, Quizlet) to review vocabulary from the text selections.</li> <li>Outline an important event in the text.</li> </ul> <p><i>Refer to screen shots and images as needed.</i></p>	<p><b>Assignments for Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete and update the GO.</li> <li>Complete vocabulary template.</li> <li><i>My Body Systems</i> Booklets: complete the third page of their booklets. Write a sentence using the word <i>digestion</i>.</li> <li>Students create riddles using vocabulary and key concepts from the read aloud.</li> <li>Write a newspaper article on one or two of the events or what people discussed in the read aloud.</li> </ul> <p><i>Refer to screen shots and images as needed.</i></p>	
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**BREAK** (15-30 minutes)

**WORD RECOGNITION | VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP | SYNCHRONOUS**

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