

Fourth Quarter Priorities: Look Forward, Move Ahead

Recommendations: What's most important for the students to learn so they are prepared for the next grade and well on their way to high school success?

GRADE LEVEL: _____

LEARNING SKILLS

- listening
- asking HOT questions
- answering HOT questions
- making notes when they read
- learning "logs"—writing what they learned from any lesson or text
- identifying and using different parts of any text—math, science, social studies, stories
- summarizing
- synthesizing
- identify explicit and implicit main ideas in a variety of texts
- researching a topic
- using a computer to locate and collect information
- organizing an outline
- collecting information for an outline
- working collaboratively
- checking their work
- editing their work
- completing work on time
- adjust rate of reading to the kind of text it is
- communicate what they learn to others
- enjoy learning**

READING

reading strategies they need to strengthen

- previewing a text
- using the visuals in a text to interpret it
- skimming
- scanning
- asking questions as they read
- identify which information is important and which is not
- relate one part of a text to another
- relate one text to another
- relate one text to their own experience
- identify explicit and implicit main ideas

KINDS OF READING—which kinds of texts do students need more experience reading?

- histories biographies science books history books
- poems newspaper _____

reading skills they need to strengthen—grades 3-8, use the benchmark test data to answer this. 7th and 8th grade, be sure to emphasize non-fiction reading skills.

List here the main skills you will emphasize.

MATH

What essential **math** knowledge and skills do they need to emphasize?

Problem Solving

- how to solve a problem strategically
- how to write to explain their math strategies
- how to analyze a solution to a problem

math facts—list the kinds of math facts they need to strengthen such as times tables.

math skills—list the skills they need to strengthen—use the benchmark data to identify for grades 3-8 and the ISAT prep “toolkit” from the Center for Urban Education. 8th grade teachers also should check what is required in the 9th grade algebra—look at the first chapters your students will have to work with next year.

SCIENCE

What science learning strategies do your students need to improve?

- interpreting graphs
- interpreting diagrams
- using the scientific method

On the back of this page, list the science content your students need to take to the next grade. To figure out what that is, review the science standards and the materials for your grade from CMSI. Also look at the ISAT prep “toolkit” from the Center for Urban Education.