## NEW LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSIONS and HOME LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSIONS

Common Core Anchor Standard (RL.10): Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts, independently and proficiently.

Common Core Grades 3 to 5 Standard (RL.PK-2.10): (by the end of grades Pre-K, K, 1 and 2 respectively) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grade complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

| $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { Levels of New } \\ & \text { Language } \\ & \text { Development } \end{aligned}$ |  | Entering | Emerging | Transitioning | Expanding | Commanding |
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| When acquiring a new language, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oracy and Literacy Links | Comprehend at least one high interest, gradeappropriate text when teacher has built background knowledge, pre-taught vocabulary, provided a context for the text, and read aloud in class in the new and/or home language. | Comprehend two or more high interest, gradeappropriate texts when teacher has built background knowledge, provided pre-identified words and phrases, provided a context for the text, and read the text aloud in class in the new and/or home language. | Comprehend multiple high-interest, gradeappropriate texts when teacher has built background knowledge, provided a bank of phrases and sentences, and provided a context for the text in the new and, occasionally, in the home language. | Comprehend multiple grade or above gradelevel texts when teacher has provided a glossary of new vocabulary, and provided a context for the text in the new language. | Comprehend multiple grade or above gradelevel texts when teacher has glossed new vocabulary in the new language. |
| 5 Levels of HomeLanguageDevelopment |  | Entering | Emerging | Transitioning | Expanding | Commanding |
| When developing home language literacy, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oracy and Literacy Links | Comprehend at least one high interest, gradeappropriate text when teacher has built background knowledge, provided pre-identified vocabulary and a context for the text, and read aloud in class. | Comprehend two or more high interest, gradeappropriate texts when teacher has provided background knowledge, provided pre-identified phrases and sentences and a context for the text, and read the text aloud in class. | Comprehend multiple grade-appropriate texts when teacher has glossed new vocabulary, and provided a context for the text. | Comprehend multiple grade or above gradelevel texts when teacher has glossed new vocabulary, and provided a context for the text | Comprehend multiple grade or above gradelevel texts when teacher has glossed new vocabulary. |

Building Background Knowledge: Background knowledge (or prior knowledge) is a frame of reference that encompasses the information and concepts the learner brings to the learning task. Background knowledge reflects the learner's prior experiences and both formal and informal learning. It provides the foundation for approaching, processing, interpreting, and retaining new learning, and is indispensable to the learner's making sense and understanding how the world works. When students are reading fiction they develop a framework for understanding the overarching structure of the story (i.e. setting, characters, conflict and resolution). The process of inferencing and interpreting the text is facilitated by the knowledge of this framework. The more a student knows about a topic, the more difficult the texts a student can approach. Students' background knowledge, including developmental, experiential, and cognitive factors, influences their ability to understand the explicit and inferential qualities of a text.

The following are some strategies to build background knowledge:

- One of the best ways to develop background knowledge in the early primary grades is through read aloud and accountable talk, in this way you are exposing children to the text and allowing them to exchange views with others.
- Pre-reading discussions to build background knowledge and open-ended questions during a read aloud can increase the students' reliance on the text and the information they are integrating.
- Background knowledge can be enriched by providing students with texts they can read independently that match their reading levels and that are aligned with the grade-level text/topic being developed in class.
- Students who are developing a new language and can read and comprehend grade level text in their home language can build background knowledge by independently reading higher level text aligned with the text/topic being developed in class.
- Pairing fiction and nonfiction books that address the same topic.

Note: Text structures and oral language development play an important role in building a student's ability to comprehend grade-appropriate texts. (See RL Standards 5, 6 and 7 for standards that target text structures and Standards 1 and 2, which addresses comprehension strategies.) Also, in order to engage in grade-appropriate texts, students must have mastered the phonemic and phonological characteristics of the home and/or new language as well as fluency. (See Foundations of Reading, which addresses the development of these skills.)
Examples of Text to Build Background Knowledge in PreK to $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ grade: The following books develop and expand knowledge of stories (including fairy/folk tales and myths). An effort has been made to incorporate as many cultural perspectives as possible.

| English Texts |  |  |  |
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| Pre-Kindergarten | Kindergarten | $1^{\text {st }}$ grade | $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade |
| Lexile Levels: no lexiles for PreKindergarten BR: means Beginning Reading | Lexile Levels: no lexiles for Kindergarten BR: means Beginning Reading | Lexile Levels: $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ grade: up to 300 L <br> AD: means Adult Directed, as an adult reading to the child | Lexile Levels: <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade: 140 to 500 L <br> $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade: from 330 to 700 L <br> AD: means Adult Directed, as an adult reading to the child |
| Good Night, Good Night by Shelley Moore Thomas (2002), BR | Crocodile and Hen: A Bakongo Folktale by Joan Lexau (2001), 120L | The Cow in the House by Harriet Ziefert and Emily Bolam (2000), 60L | Twenty Heartbeats by Dennis Hasseley and Ed Young (2008), AD 500L |
| Snow White by Melissa Torres (2003), 80L | His Majesty the King by Ruth Corrin (1996), 130L | Three Goats. Norwegian Fairy Tale (no author listed, 2012), 290L | Dear Petter Rabbit, by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy (2000), AD780L |
| Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Betty Miles and Bari Weissman (1998), BR | Anansi and the Magic Stick by Eric Kimmel (2002), AD170L | Cinderella by Hara Lewis and Barbara Lanza (2000), 310L | Three Goats. Norwegian Fairy Tale (no author listed, 2012), 290L |

The Flying Horse by Jane Mason（1999）， 90L

Crocodile and Hen：A Bakongo Folktale by Joan Lexau（2001），120L

Princess for a Day by Maryann Cocca－ Leffler（1998），140L

The Enormous Turnip by Kathy
Parkinson（1987），BR

Jacky and the Giant by Diane Muldrow （1999），180L

Cinderella by Hara Lewis and Barbara Lanza（2000），310L

Folklore and Fairy Tale Funnies by Art Spiegeman（1999），360L

The Great－Great Grandmother of La Cucarachita Martina by Alma Flor Ada （1993），460L

The Teacher＇s Secret and Other Folktales by Joyce Hannam（2004）， 440L

| Pre－Kindergarten |
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| 龜兔賽跑TThe Tortoise and the |
| Hare］published by Gui Taihua（2011） |
| 伊索寓言世界［The World of Aesop＇s |
| Fables］by Huang Shuping（2008） |

世界童話故事［Fairy Tales From Around the World］by Chen Li Yu （2011）

## Chinese Text

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Hare］published by Gui Taihua（2011）
伊索寓言世界［The World of Aesop＇s Fables］by Huang Shuping（2008）

世界童話故事［Fairy Tales From
Around the World］by Chen Li Yu （2011）

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Around the World］by Chen Li Yu （2011）

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會痛的小魚[The Fish That Felt Hurt]
Retold by
Li Xin Yuan and Meng Ning (2004)
孩子的伊索寓言[Aesop's Fables] by
Jerry Pinkney
Translated by Kong Fan Lu (2012)
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## 熊的宴會：世界的語言精選

［Bear＇s Banquet：A Fable From Around the World］by Ivan Krylov，translated by Wei Wei（2010）

## Spanish texts

Cuentos de hadas ilustrados：El gato con botas，Caperucita Roja，La bella Durmiente，Barba Azul，por Charles Perrault，Marie Michelle Joy y Walter Crane（2014）AD

La canción del coquí y otros cuentos de Puerto Rico por Nicholasa Mohr y Antonio Martoreli（1995）AD

La bella durmiente．Versión del cuento de los hermanos Grimm por Todd Ouren y Patricia Abello（2006）AD

Reina y el coquí：Cuentos boriqueños por Daisy Torres Petrovich（2009）AD

Cuentos de hadas ilustrados：El gato con botas，Caperucita Roja，La bella Durmiente，Barba Azul，por Charles Perrault，Marie Michelle Joy y Walter Crane（2014）AD

Cuentos para niños，por Susaeta
Publishing，Editor（2011）AD

Cuentos que contaban nuestras abuelas por Alma Flor Ada，F．Isabel Campoy （2006）

Blanca Nieves．Versión del cuento de los hermanos Grimm，por Eric Blair，Claudia Wolf y Patricia Abello（2006）

Cuentos，Mitos y Leyendas para niños por Editorial Ekare y Norma（2006）

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