

Most of the skills covered in Grade 7 have been introduced in previous grades. They are reintroduced within the first quarter and systematically revisited and expanded upon throughout the year.

**First Quarter**

- Spell and use homophones, homonyms and homographs correctly
- Use of context clues to define meaning of unknown words
- Apply knowledge of connotation and denotation
- Identify the verb or verbs and subject or subjects in a sentence
- Infer meaning through identification of analogies, synonyms and antonyms
- Use correct capitalization and punctuation
- Read a class novel
- Develop vocabulary
- Use resources (dictionary, thesaurus, etc.) to determine meanings and pronunciation of unknown words
- Identify and employ steps of the writing process

**Quarter Two**

- Read a class novel
- Continue vocabulary development
- Use text features (titles, headings, parts of a book, etc.) to locate information
- Analyze examples of cause and effect and fact and opinion
- Analyze information in charts, graphs, and tables
- Identify parts of a sentence and types of sentences
- Vary sentence structure (simple, compound, complex)
- Identify need for new paragraph
- Identify adjectives in a sentence
- Learn the eight parts of speech
- Recognize literary devices of alliteration, humor, reference to literature, and alliteration

**Quarters Three and Four**

- Read a class novel
- Continue vocabulary development
- Proofread and edit writing using editing marks
- Identify fragments and run-ons
- Judge quality of writing using a rubric
- Spell high frequency words correctly
- Identify all parts of speech in a sentence
- Recognize literary devices of puns, poetry, and foreshadowing
- Use dependent and independent clauses
- Identify verb types (action, auxiliary, linking)
- Use pronouns (nominative, objective, possessive, indefinite, relative)
- Identify and use interrogative and demonstrative pronouns correctly
- Conjugate regular and irregular verbs in all tenses correctly