

# 2025-2026 ELA Grade KG Pacing Guide

## AT-A-GLANCE

### [Kindergarten BEST Benchmark Check List](#)

Unit Strategies and Skills with Benchmarks (Spotlight)	Unit Essential Question
Quarter 1: August 11- October 10, 2025	
Review and establish Routines in Benchmark mini-lessons	
<b>Unit 3</b> R.3.2 Retell: Use topic and details R.1.1 Describe main character(s), setting, and important events in a story V.1.3 Sort words into categories	<b>Unit 3: Rules at Home and School</b> <i>Why do we have rules?</i>
<b>Unit 2</b> R.1.1 Describe main character(s), setting, and important events in a story R.3.2 Retell: Use main character(s), setting, and important events R.3.1 Identify and explain descriptive words in a text V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words	<b>Unit 2: Every Story Has Characters</b> <i>How are characters different?</i>
Quarter 2: October 15 - December 19, 2025	
<b>Unit 1</b> R.2.2 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words	<b>Unit 1: Plants and Animals Have Needs</b> <i>Why do living things have different needs?</i>
<b>Unit 7</b> R.2.2 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words R.3.2 Retell: Use topic and details	<b>Unit 7: Holidays and Celebrations</b> <i>Why do we celebrate people and events?</i>
Quarter 3: January 5 - March 13, 2026	
<b>Unit 6</b> R.1.1 Describe main character(s), setting, and important events in a story R.3.2 Retell: Use main character(s), setting, and important events V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words	<b>Unit 6: Stories Have a Message</b> <i>How do we know what is right?</i>
<b>Unit 4</b> R.1.1 Describe main character(s), setting, and important events in a story V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words in a text V.1.3 Relate unfamiliar words to background knowledge	<b>Unit 4: Confronting Challenges</b> <i>How do we know what is right?</i>
<b>Unit 8</b> R.2.1 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text R.1.1 Describe main characters, setting, and important events in a story R.3.1 Identify and explain descriptive words in a text	<b>Unit 8: Weather and Seasons</b> <i>How do our lives change with the seasons?</i>
Quarter 4: March 23 - May 29, 2026	
<b>Unit 8</b> R.2.1 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text R.1.1 Describe main characters, setting, and important events in a story R.3.1 Identify and explain descriptive words in a text	<b>Unit 8: Weather and Seasons</b> <i>How do our lives change with the seasons?</i>
<b>Unit 10</b> R.2.2 Identify the topic and multiple details in a text R.3.2 Retell: use topic and details V.1.3 Relate unfamiliar words to background knowledge	<b>Unit 10: Forces and Motion</b> <i>What makes things move?</i>

**Unit 9**

R.1.1 Describe main characters, setting, and important events

R.2.2 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text

R.3.2 Retell: Use topic and details

V.1.2 Identify and sort words into categories

**Unit 9: Meeting Our Needs  
and Wants**

*Why do we make choices?*