

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	
Unit 3 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	Unit 3: Rules at Home and School <i>Why do we have rules?</i>
Unit 2 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	Unit 2: Every Story Has Characters <i>How are characters different?</i>
Quarter 2: October 15 - December 19, 2025	
Unit 1 R.2.2 Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text V.1.2 Ask and answer questions about unfamiliar words	Unit 1: Plants and Animals Have Needs <i>Why do living things have different needs?</i>
Unit 7 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	Unit 7: Holidays and Celebrations <i>Why do we celebrate people and events?</i>
Quarter 3: January 5 - March 13, 2026	
Unit 6 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	Unit 6: Stories Have a Message <i>How do we know what is right?</i>
Unit 4 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	Unit 4: Confronting Challenges <i>How do we know what is right?</i>
Unit 8 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	Unit 8: Weather and Seasons <i>How do our lives change with the seasons?</i>
Quarter 4: March 23 - May 29, 2026	
Unit 8 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	Unit 8: Weather and Seasons <i>How do our lives change with the seasons?</i>
Unit 10 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	Unit 10: Forces and Motion <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?