TASIS PORTUGAL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULAR PROGRESSION · GRADES 1–5

Language Arts

Core Knowledge Language Arts

Grade 1

Student readers · Lexile 400–630
Class read-alouds · Lexile 770–1060

SKILLS

- Letter formation (print)
- Review letter sounds, including consonant digraphs, segmenting, blending two-syllable words and sight words
- Double-letter spelling, CVCe words, long vowels, r-controlled vowels, spelling tests
- Common and proper nouns; verbs; past, present and future verb tenses; adjectives; pronouns; contractions; past tense –ed; plural endings –s and –es; suffix endings –ed and –ing
- Sentence types, narrative writing, descriptive writing, opinion letter, instructional writing, noun–verb agreement, conjunctions

KNOWLEDGE

- Fables and Stories
- The Human Body
- Different Lands, Similar Stories
- Early World Civilizations
- Early American Civilizations
- Astronomy
- History of the Earth
- Animals and Habitats
- Fairy Tales
- American Independence
- Frontier Explorers

Grade 2

Student readers · Lexile 430–660
Class read-alouds · Lexile 780–1060

SKILLS

- Letter formation (print and cursive)
- Review letter sounds, alphabetizing to the second letter, sight words
- Read and write one- and two-syllable words with short and long vowel sounds
- Suffixes –ing, –ed, –tion; contractions; common and proper nouns; antonyms; synonyms; present and past tense verbs; subject and predicate; adjectives; adverbs; irregular plurals
- Capitalization and punctuation, including quotation marks, apostrophes for possession and titles
- Narrative writing, persuasive writing, taking notes from text, multiparagraph reports, editing for grammar, complete sentences and run-on sentences

KNOWLEDGE

- Fairy Tales and Tall Tales
- Early Asian Civilizations
- The Ancient Greek Civilization
- Greek Myths
- The War of 1812
- Cycles in Nature
- Westward Expansion
- Insects
- The US Civil War (& Portuguese Liberal Wars)
- Human Body: Building Blocks & Nutrition
- Immigration
- Fighting for a Cause

Grade 3

Student readers · Lexile 580–860

INTEGRATED SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Letter formation (cursive)
- Review of long and short vowels, r-controlled vowels and consonant-le syllables; suffixes and root words; alphabetization to the third letter; dictionary skills
- Parts of speech: concrete and abstract nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prefixes and suffixes; sentence structure; subject–verb agreement
- Character analysis, plot, sequence, theme, vocabulary, point of view, cause and effect
- Opinion writing, informational writing, biography, annotation, summarization

UNITS

- Classic Tales
- Animal Classification
- Human Body: Systems and Senses
- Light and Sound
- Astronomy
- Native Americans
- Colonial America
- Ecology

Grade 4

Student readers · Lexile 800–1100

INTEGRATED SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Handwriting practice (cursive)
- Literary devices, including similes and metaphors, dialogue, transition words, sensory details, point of view, cause and effect
- Informative writing using details from the text, note taking, evidence to support opinions, paraphrasing
- Figurative language and poetic devices, including rhyme, repetition, alliteration, meter, tone and extended metaphors
- Complex literary and informational reading
- Opinion, informational and narrative writing, and compare and contrast, using text evidence, research, observation, vocabulary and persuasion

UNITS

- Personal Narratives
- Poetry
- Eureka! Student Inventor
- Geology
- Contemporary Fiction

Grade 5

Core Knowledge

INTEGRATED SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Writing
- Grammar and Usage
- Research
- Spelling
- Vocabulary
- Poetry
- Fiction
- Drama
- Stories
- Myths and Legends
- Literary Terms
- Speeches
- Sayings and Phrases