

Assessment of Reading and Writing

“The primary purpose of the classroom assessment is to inform teaching and improve learning, not to sort and select students to justify a grade.” (McTighe, 1998)

Formal Reading & Writing Assessments

All teachers will follow the schedule below. Data gained from the assessments below is used to **inform instruction**.

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
K-Starting Point	Aug. – Prior to beginning of school					
Observation Survey (OS) (if applicable)		Aug. - (according to the K ranking)*				
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	First 45 days of school					
Oral Record of Reading (Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 or 2)	Mid-year testing window and End of Year (Students in Emergent Stage and Above ONLY)	Mid-year testing window and End of Year	Mid-year testing window and End of Year	Mid-year testing window and End of Year See Table on the next page for details***	Mid-year testing window and End of Year See Table on the next page for details***	Mid-year testing window and End of Year See Table on the next page for details***
Additional Assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments	Refer to the following pages for information on additional assessments
Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP)	Spring **	Fall & Spring**	Fall & Spring**	Fall & Spring**	Fall & Spring**	Fall & Spring**
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)			November			
South Carolina State Assessments				End of Year	End of Year	End of Year

*The Reading Recovery® teachers will administer the Observation Survey according to the Kindergarten ranking and any new first grade students to the district.

**MAP winter testing is optional. MAP testing may be administered to new students who enter during the school year.

***All students will be given the Fountas and Pinnell assessment within the mid-year window (November/December).

- Students in 3rd Grade who test on Q and above will not be required to take the end-year Fountas and Pinnell assessment.
- Students in 4th Grade who test on T and above will not be required to take the end-year Fountas and Pinnell assessment.
- Students in 5th Grade who test on a W and above will not be required to take the end-year Fountas and Pinnell assessment.

All other students will be given the Fountas and Pinnell assessment within the end-year window as well as the mid-year assessment (April/May).

Fountas and Pinnell Expectations

Grade Level	Mid-Year Instructional Text Level	Year-End Testing Window
Third	Q and above	Not required
Fourth	T and above	Not required
Fifth	W and above	Not required

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