

Polk County Schools

Kindergarten High Frequency Word List

Kindergarten students are expected to know 71 high frequency words by the end of the school year. Students are asked to read these words aloud from a list. Words are scored as being correct if they are recognized and pronounced accurately and quickly. Mastering increasing number of high frequency words is evidence that students are moving toward becoming fluent readers.

The emphasis on these basic words is to promote reading success for students by establishing the opportunity to acquire vocabulary that is encountered consistently in printed material.

Acquiring a large reading vocabulary is the foundation for the comprehension of printed text. This is a key to reading success.

First Nine Weeks	Second Nine Weeks	Third Nine Weeks	Fourth Nine Weeks
1. a	1. go	1. do	1. for
2. my	2. we	2. what	2. me
3. the	3. on	3. no	3. one
4. I	4. to	4. see	4. little
5. like	5. you	5. look	5. are
6. at	6. have	6. come	6. here
7. it	7. an	7. came	7. than
8. as	8. can	8. all	8. this
9. has	9. is	9. not	9. first
10. am	10. his	10. out	10. long
11. school	11. him	11. he	11. get
12. boy	12. will	12. went	12. then
13. girl	13. if	13. them	13. but
14. cat	14. did	14. big	14. jump
	15. had	15. its	15. just
	16. dog	16. milk	16. fish
	17. pig	17. box	17. sun
	18. cow	18. blue	18. boat
	19. car	19. book	19. duck

Explanation of Achievement Scale

	First Grading Period	Second Grading Period	Third Grading Period	Fourth Grading Period
4 Exceeds the standard	Recognizes 15-71 high frequency words	Recognizes 34-71 high frequency words	Recognizes 53-71 high frequency words	Recognizes all 71 high frequency words and some first grade high frequency words
3 Meets the standard	Recognizes 11-14 high frequency words	Recognizes 26-33 high frequency words	Recognizes 42-52 high frequency words	Recognizes 57-71 high frequency words (80% and above)
2 Partially meets the standard	Recognizes 8-10 high frequency words	Recognizes 20-25 high frequency words	Recognizes 31-41 words high frequency words	Recognizes 43-56 high frequency words (60 % and above)
1 Does not meet the standard	Recognizes 7 or less high frequency words	Recognizes 19 or less high frequency words	Recognizes 30 or less high frequency words	Recognizes 42 or less high frequency words (59% and below)

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