

READING

Suggested Text Forms and Text Features to be Worked Toward in grades K-5

FICTION

Narrative

realistic, fantasy,
traditional, folktales,
legends, fables, myths, tall
tales

Recount

Songs

Letters

(personal and
functional)

Diaries

Rhyme and Poetry

Counting, number,
playground, personal
rhymed, unrhymed, haiku,
cinquain, ballads

Plays

Proverbs, Sayings, Idioms

Essays

Magazines

Comics, Cartoons

Historical and contemporary

fiction (Novels, Short
Stories)

Science fiction

KEY

Kindergarten

First Grade

Second Grade

Third Grade

Fourth Grade

Fifth Grade

NONFICTION

Nonfiction texts should include
science, social studies, math,
the arts, health, fitness, and
technology

Procedural and technical texts

Expository

Recount

Report

Question and answer

Articles

Dictionaries

Maps

Informational posters

Encyclopedias

Almanacs

Thesaurus

Brochures

Diaries/Journals

Biographies, Autobiographies

Speeches

Interviews

Advertisements

Essays

Atlases

Newspapers

Newspaper reports

Magazines

Magazine articles

Memos

Directories, Phone books

Business letters

Schedules

Manuals

Promotional material

Editorials

TEXT FEATURES

Page numbers

Titles

Author and

illustration

credits

Labels

Captions

Story maps

Charts

Cover information

Title pages

Table of Contents

Glossary

Diagrams

Maps (3D, maze) / scales

Map Keys

Chapter headings

Pie charts/bar graphs

Acknowledgments

Blurbs

Indexes

Introductions

Timetables

Parentheses

References

Footnotes

Checklists

Subheadings

Tables

Asterisks

Graphs

Paragraphs

Dialog

Quotation marks

Directions

Codes

Abbreviations

Dash

Appendices

Computer menus, searches, icons

Forewords

Bibliographies

Chapter summaries

**Underlined print denotes
elements new to
corresponding grade level.**