READING CURRICULUM SUMMARY

The purpose of the Reading Curriculum Summary is to present an overview of the Practical Comprehension curriculum. Parents are the intended audience of the Reading Curriculum Summary.

EXTENSION OF COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

- Activate, develop and extend background knowledge
- Demonstrate after reading understanding and interpretation of both fiction and nonfiction text
- Identify, describe, evaluate and synthesize the essential ideas in text
- Analyze the structure of informational materials explaining how authors used these to achieve their purposes
- Make extensions to related ideas, topics or information
- Make, and support with evidence assertions about texts
- Analyze the positions, arguments and evidence in public documents
- Evaluate the authors’ strategies

WORD STUDY

- Understand and apply key vocabulary across content areas
- Expand content specific vocabulary
- Understand high frequency vocabulary used in mass media and public discourse

SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

- Use test taking strategies
- Read, understand and complete forms, documents and records necessary for independent living
- Successfully read and follow instructions in manuals and instructional texts
- Develop personal and business communication strategies such as email, faxing, interoffice communication
- Successfully use the newspaper/internet sources for relevant personal applications
- Explore and determine areas of personal interest through guided exposure to a wide variety of print materials
- Collaboratively discuss individual reactions, evaluations and analyses of texts