

**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