The following words represent important across units for the indicated subject area:

| History / SS | WH- WORDS | PEOPLE / PRONOUNS | ACTIONS / VERBS | ADVERBS | TIME | PREPOSITIONS LOCATION | ADJECTIVES | DETERMINERS | NOUNS | SOCIAL |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| | who when what | | make do go | | first, then last then, now | | same different | | | |
| Math | WH- WORDS | PEOPLE / PRONOUNS | ACTIONS / VERBS | ADVERBS | TIME | PREPOSITIONS LOCATION | ADJECTIVES | DETERMINERS | NOUNS | SOCIAL |
| | how many how much | | take, get have, put see | | first then last | | more, less many, few same different | | | |
| Science | WH- WORDS | PEOPLE / PRONOUNS | ACTIONS / VERBS | ADVERBS | Тіме | PREPOSITIONS LOCATION | ADJECTIVES | DETERMINERS | NOUNS | SOCIAL |
| | how why | | see, look do change | | first then | | same different | | | |
| Shared Reading | WH- WORDS | PEOPLE / PRONOUNS | ACTIONS / VERBS | ADVERBS | Тіме | PREPOSITIONS LOCATION | ADJECTIVES | DETERMINERS | NOUNS | SOCIAL |
| 3 | word picture page | me, my you, your it | read, stop look/see turn, want talk, like | | before after next | on in here | again more funny same | this that | word picture page | oh! no cool! |

A DRAFT adapted/modified BRIDGE for students with complex needs (Adapted by Erin Sheldon, M Ed, from The BRIDGE, an observational portfolio rating scale by Pierce, Summer, O'DeKirk, 2005)

| Letters (How Letters Work to Create Words) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Interact with and use letters of the alphabet | Explores and plays with alphabet materials | Enjoys alphabet materials of own favourite people, foods, items, activities | Knows that letters are different from pictures and shapes | Recognizes first letter in name (says, writes, points to) | Associates specific letters with specific people or items | Recognizes other letters in own and/or other's names | Identifies specific letters in own or other names | Identifies at least 10 letters | |
| Use print (cognitive/ linguistic item) | Explores accessible keyboards or letter boards to generate strings of random letters and characters | Selects letters with greater intentionality, such as generating strings of the same letter | Generates letters in word- like groupings with attention to spacing | Regularly generates text, may use word prediction some of the time | Generates letters to label or caption photos or drawings | Generates letters to "write" a letter, create a message, make a list | Selects letters, and words, with some connection to photo, list, message, or story | Generates many written words (some recognizable) to tell a story, create a message, make list | |
| Demonstrate phonological awareness | Alert to and curious about sounds in the environment | Enjoys music, songs, rhymes or word play | Connects or names sounds in the environment | Follows rhythmic beat of language and music | Repeats rhythmic patterns in poems and songs | Participates in familiar sound and word play, songs, w/ visual cues & imitation | Aware that different words begin with the same sound | Identifies some initial letter sounds, makes some letter- sound matches | |
| Demonstrate phonemic awareness | Enjoys listening to rhyming songs, wordplay and storybooks | Uses rhyme to predict words in familiar texts | Follows along clapping/ nodding the beats in a word, or words in a sentence | Recognizes words that are the same from words that are different: "cat, cat, sat: which word is different?" | Identifies words that rhyme and words that don't | Creates rhymes from a closed set or substitutes sounds to create rhymes | Creates alliterative or assonant pairs from a closed set (Silly Sally, Moses supposes) | Independently signifies the beats in a word | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |

| | | | Words (How V | Words Work to C | Convey Meaning | g) | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Generates descriptive language | Aware of others modelling the use of AAC to describe the attributes of a familiar person, thing, or activity using high frequency words: fast, big, silly, here, girl. | Observes and engaged by a model of using AAC to describe the attributes of a familiar person, thing, or activity | With support, responds to at least one attribute of a familiar person, thing, or activity. | Chooses, from a closed set, an attribute for a familiar noun or activity. E.g.: as partner lists potential words, student indicates "that's it." | With support, from a closed set, chooses at least one attribute for each of at least two items, to compare/ contrast. | With support, sorts descriptions/ attributes between at least two items/ activities/ concepts. E.g.: sorts word bank between two items | Scans AAC to generate multi-word descriptions of an item/thing/activity/concept. E.g.: generates list of clues to describe a person, thing, or activity. | Navigates AAC to generate multi-word comparisons of two items. E.g.: describes Aheb as "old, man, angry, revenge" and Moby Dick as "white big whale." |
| Use symbolic language (AAC) to generate print | Observes symbol use modelled by communication partners | With scaffolding support, selects a symbol to make a choice | With scaffolding support, selects a symbol to make a comment to label or caption a photo | With scaffolding support, selects a symbol to describe a character or object | Uses AAC to logically complete an unfinished sentence or fill in a word. | Uses AAC to identify an audience and a purpose, such as to write message, make list | Uses AAC to logically respond to text, such as describing a character | Uses AAC system to generate a simple story, create a message, make a list |
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| Text (How Words Combine in Connected Text to Convey Meaning) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Physically handle/ interact with books | Rips or mouths books and paper | Explores books with hands, stacks or bangs | Looks at book pages when shown | Browses book pages independently | Recognizes book by its cover | Holds the book appropriately, unprompted | Independently studies book pages | Turns pages appropriately, paper or digital | | |
| Interact with print | Indicates enjoyment when being read to | Touches the page when exploring books | Beginning to recognize print | Frequently recognizes print, such as pointing, touching, or looking at | Makes print to speech connection | Knows where to read on a page. Notices if reading partner skips text. | Completes any part of a sentence by generating a word with a symbol, photo, sign, or gesture | Understands "concept of word" (1:1 correspondence of text to speech) | | |
| Engage in the act of reading | Indicates awareness that someone is reading to him/her | Displays joint attention while being read to | Points to items on the page during shared reading | Labels or acts out story characteristics during shared reading | Points to people or objects related to the book during shared reading | Engages in parallel/solitary reading | Pretend reads to another, such as vocalizing while turning pages and touching words, or activating recorded speech | Pretend reads from memory, paying attention to the printed word | | |
| | | W | riting (How I C | an Generate Lett | ers to Convey I | Meaning) | | | | |
| Write name | Attends to a model of writing the student's name with an accessible keyboard, pencil, or letterboard | Sometimes makes an inconsistent mark/scribble when asked to write name | Frequently makes an inconsistent mark/scribble to write name | Makes a consistent mark/ scribble to write name | Makes a consistent letter-like form in scribble to write name | Writes a single recognizable letter or consistently selects correct first letter | Writes or selects some letters to form name (not necessarily in order) | Writes name in recognizable form, using an accessible pencil or letterboard | | |
| Draw/write (motor item) | Explores writing tools and materials, including mouthing and touching | Uses writing/ drawing tools with beginning purpose | Uses writing/ drawing with greater purpose | Generates a variety of shapes in drawings: lines, circles, etc. | Makes controlled marks showing left-to-right directionality | Writing looks different from drawing, makes marks only in areas designated for text | Generates disconnected scribble with letter- like forms & recognizable letters | Writes and self- identifies some letters | | |
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| Communication (How I Can Generate Words to Convey Meaning) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Direct and take ownership of shared literacy experiences | Chooses literacy activities from an array of objects, photos, or symbols | Initiates any literacy activity: reading, scribble, alphabet play | Initiates a choice of story by selecting a book and sharing it to be read | Communicates a choice of story or song using a picture, sign, or vocalization | Directs the story or song to continue or cease using a symbol or sign | Communicates a choice of book topic or genre using a symbol of sign | Self-identifies as a reader | Comments on or shares opinions about the story using symbols | | |
| Interact with symbols during shared reading | Observes partner model the use of a symbol array | Recognizes 2-5 symbols regularly used by partner | Explores 2 or more symbols on array during reading | Uses multiple symbols to direct or comment on actions of partner | Uses AAC system to respond to partner | Uses AAC system to direct partner | Initiates using AAC to communicate about the book | Uses AAC to comment on the book or extend ideas in the book | | |
| Use oral language/ AAC during literacy activities | Vocalizes during literacy activities | Looks at, points to pictures, symbols, props | Labels pictures, actions with word approximations, signs, or symbols | Makes comments about the text using symbols or signs | Listens, and responds to, a story for a specific purpose: "listen so you can give the story a thumbs up or thumbs down" | Relates stories to personal experiences (text to self connection) | Asks questions about text and stories. Listen, and responds, for a specific purpose: listen so you can sequence/ compare/ describe" | Retells a simple story with activity in sequence | | |
| Engage in story- telling/ re-telling | Enjoys personal experience stories, social scripts, videos, or remnant books | Shares personal experience books, etc, with others, i.e. pointing and waiting for a response | Participates in creating personal experience stories, etc, such as by selecting items or text to include | Initiates sharing remnant books, personal experience stories or social scripts | Initiates creating remnant books, personal experience stories or social scripts | Answers questions related to familiar stories | Predicts what might happen in unfamiliar stories | Tells an original, simple story using AAC and drawings or photos | | |
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