Benchmarks

	By end of 3 rd grade
English/Writing	 Capitalize proper nouns and use end marks correctly. Apply capitalization and punctuation rules in everyday writing. Identify subjects and linking or action verbs. Write paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting details independently.
Reading	 Read appropriate level chapter books independently. Develop oral reading fluency in reading class and other content areas. Summarize stories by identifying main idea and supporting details. Make personal connections to the story.
Math	 Tell time to the nearest minute. Master multiplication and division facts through 9's. Understand how multiplication and division work together. Solve long multiplication and division problems. Solve multi-step story problems and measurement problems independently.
Cursive	Write in cursive for all subject areas.
History/ Science	 Answer comprehension questions in complete sentences. Match terms and definitions from the chapter.
Independent Work	 Complete long-term projects with support from parents and teacher. Organize assignments and materials (planners, supplies, homework, etc.) Develop study skills—ability to prepare for tests, study key concepts from chapters.
Listening Skills	 Follow written directions independently. Follow oral directions independently. Retain information discussed in class.