Fall Benchmark 2 Skills List

Honors

**Reading Literary / Informational Skills:**

Literary Terms:

Conflict (general)

Central conflict

Narrator

Plot

Exposition

Rising action

Climax

Falling action

Point of View

1st person point of view

2nd person point of view

3d person point of view limited vs omniscient

Figurative Language (general)

Metaphor

Simile

Personification

Hyperbole

Imagery

Onomatopoeia

Making inferences

Reading comprehension

Identifying off-topic statements

Specific evidence vs unspecific evidence (good vs bad)

Author’s claim

Author’s purpose

Organization of ideas

Identification of a speaker

Fact vs opinion

**Writing Skills**:

Thesis statement

Topic sentence

Supporting details

Organization of evidence

Conclusion / Accurately concluding a paragraph

RACE responses

Sentence Structure

Persuasive Writing

**Grammar / Conventions:**

Synonyms

Antonyms

Connotation

Denotation

Vocabulary in Context

Punctuation: commas, semicolons, colons, periods

Semicolons with conjunctive adverbs

Dependent vs. Independent Clauses

Sentence Fragments / Phrases

Run-on sentences