

# Aligning the RedRover Readers Curriculum with Academic Content Standards:

## Illinois

RedRover's Discussion and Activity Guides are aligned with Illinois Academic Content Standards for English Language Arts.

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The RedRover Readers program is a social and emotional learning program designed to promote empathy and critical thinking. RedRover trains teachers and volunteers to use the RedRover Readers curriculum to help students explore the human-animal relationship and practice pro-social skills.

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Age & Content	Early Elementary	Late Elementary
English Language Arts Goals and Standards		
Reading	<p>Establish purposes for reading, make predictions, connect important ideas, and link text to previous experiences and knowledge.</p> <p>Identify how authors and illustrators express their ideas in text and graphics (e.g., dialogue, conflict, shape, color, characters).</p> <p>Continuously check and clarify for understanding (e.g., reread, read ahead, use visual and context clues, ask questions, retell, use meaningful substitutions).</p> <p>Use information to form questions and verify predictions.</p> <p>Identify important themes and topics.</p> <p>Make comparisons across reading selections.</p> <p>Summarize content of reading material using text organization (e.g., story, sequence).</p>	<p>Establish purposes for reading, survey materials, ask questions, make predictions, connect, clarify and extend ideas.</p> <p>Identify structure (e.g., description, compare/contrast, cause and effect, sequence) of nonfiction texts to improve comprehension.</p> <p>Continuously check and clarify for understanding (e.g., <i>in addition to previous skills</i>, clarify terminology, seek additional information).</p> <p>Use information to form and refine questions and predictions</p> <p>Make and support inferences and form interpretations about main themes and topics.</p> <p>Compare and contrast the content and organization of selections.</p> <p>Summarize and make generalizations from content and relate to purpose of material.</p>
Literature	<p>Identify the literary elements of theme, setting, plot and character within literary works.</p> <p>Respond to literary materials by connecting them to their own experience and communicate those responses to others.</p> <p>Relate character, setting and plot to real-life situations.</p>	<p>Identify literary elements and literary techniques (e.g., characterization, use of narration, use of dialogue) in a variety of literary works.</p> <p>Respond to literary material by making inferences, drawing conclusions and comparing it to their own experience, prior knowledge and other texts.</p> <p>Relate literary works and their characters, settings and plots to current and historical events, people and perspectives.</p>
Writing	<p>Write for a variety of purposes including description, information, explanation, persuasion and narration.</p>	
Listening and Speaking	<p>Listen effectively in formal and informal situations.</p> <p>Listen attentively by facing the speaker, making eye contact and paraphrasing what is said.</p> <p>Ask questions and respond to questions from the teacher and from group members to improve comprehension.</p> <p>Follow oral instructions accurately.</p> <p>Present brief oral reports, using language and vocabulary appropriate to the message and audience (e.g., show and tell).</p>	<p>Demonstrate understanding of the listening process (e.g., sender, receiver, message) by summarizing and paraphrasing spoken messages orally and in writing in formal and informal situations.</p> <p>Ask and respond to questions related to oral presentations and messages in small and large group settings.</p> <p>Restate and carry out a variety of oral instructions.</p> <p>Use speaking skills and procedures to participate in group discussions.</p>
Research	<p>Identify questions and gather information.</p> <p>Write letters, reports and stories based on acquired information.</p>	