












## Literacy Lab Calendar Overview

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1: Introductions and Placement</b>	(No plans – First week of each semester is typically a short week)	Introduction to Class	Introduce Bell Work “Student Information Sheet” and “Interest Inventory”	“Reading is...” Paragraphs	Favorite Books Activity
<b>Week 2: Placement and Team Building</b>	Before, During and After Reading Strategies	Get-to-Know Class Activity	Study Skills Survey	Article: “Soap Dispensers at Yale”	What is a Matrix? Class Matrix
<b>Week 3: Important Ideas</b>	Article: “Do Kids Need a Summer Vacation?”	Article: “Looking to Repay Honesty” and Matrix Timeline	Article: “Bad Breath”	Study Skills: Binder Organization	Brainteasers #1 
<b>Week 4: Important Ideas</b>	Job Search – Matrix and Article: “Find a Summer Job”	Job Search – Article: “Jobs for Young Teens”	Job Search – Videos: “Find a Summer Job 1” and “Find a Summer Job 2” 	Job Search – Summary and Article: “How to Find a Summer Job”	“How to...” Videos: Following Directions 
<b>Week 5: Important Ideas</b>	Video and Article: “Lottery Probability” 	Article: “Bananas are Healthy”	Article: “Strange News Stories”	Study Skills: “Nasty Homework Habits”	Study Skills: “Using a Rubric” 
<b>Week 6: Background Knowledge</b>	Healthy Living: Brainstorm – What things can you do to live a longer, healthier life?  Bracketology – Decide as a class on most important idea	Healthy Living - Article: “Be a Fit Kid”	Healthy Living - Article: “Alcohol”	Healthy Living- Article: “Get Enough Sleep”	Healthy Living - Activity: “How Long Will You Live?” (PowerPoint) 
<b>Week 7: Background Knowledge</b>	Nursery Rhyme Activity	Article: “Best Teacher I Ever Had”	Article: “Meridian Family Slashes Energy Bill”	Study Skills: “Missing Homework Assignments”	Children’s Stories Activity – “That reminds me of...”
<b>Week 8: Drawing Inferences</b>	Background Knowledge and Inference in Pictures 	What is Inference? 	Inference in Mysteries (1-4)	Inference in Mysteries (5-8)	Reader’s Theater: “Black Bart’s Gold”
<b>Week 9: Drawing Inferences</b>	Article: “Teen a Hero to the Homeless”	Article: “Kenya Village Gets Clinic”	Article: “Mimi Just Wants to Feed Shelter Dogs”	Helping Others Matrix comparison	Readers’ Theaters: “Click, Clack, Moo” and “Dog Breath”
<b>Week 10: Drawing Inferences</b>	Reader’s Theater: “The BFG”	Article: “Sluggish Teens”	Article: “Show Us Your Calories”	Article: “Strange News Stories 2”	Inference License Plates 
<b>Week 11: Asking Questions</b>	Parental Advice – Matrix and Article: “Teen Summer Guidelines”	Parental Advice - Article: “Neatness Counts”	Parental Advice - Article: “Giving Teens Money”	Parental Advice - Article: “Teens on Social Media”	Readers’ Theater: “And So They Did”

<b>Week 12: Asking Questions</b>	Article: "Too Much Homework?"	Article: "Flying in a Lawn Chair is Relaxing"	Brainteasers #2 	Article: "Self-Discipline May Beat Smarts"	Article: "American Cockroach"
<b>Week 13: Visualizing</b>	Children's Story Ending	Children's Story Visualization	Readers' Theater: "Three Sideways Stories From Wayside School"	Children's Story Visualization	Readers' Theater: "The Legend of Slappy Hooper"
<b>Week 14: Visualizing</b>	Overcoming Obstacles - Discuss and Create Matrix	Overcoming Obstacles - Article: "Local Amputee Wins Triathlon"	Overcoming Obstacles - Article: "High School Hero"	Overcoming Obstacles - Article: "The Boy Who Sees with Sound" 	Overcoming Obstacles - Conclusion Paragraphs
<b>Week 15: Visualizing</b>	Video: "Computerized Christmas Lights" 	Readers' Theater: "The Boy Who Wanted the Willies"	Children's Story Visualization	Article: "Top 10 Offbeat Hotels"	Brainteasers #3 
<b>Week 16: Synthesize Information</b>	Comic Book Project - Introduce Project	Study Skills: "Completing a School Project"	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project
<b>Week 17: Synthesize Information</b>	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Brainteasers #4 
<b>Week 18: Synthesize Information</b>	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project
<b>Week 19: Synthesize Information</b>	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project	Comic Book Project (Students share final projects, if desired)	Comic Book Project (Students share final projects, if desired)	(No plans – Last week of each semester is typically a short week)



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