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| Criteria | Emerging | Meets Expectations | Exceeds Expectations | Comments |
| Retell Stories | Retells stories with pictures and /or prompts | Retells stories without pictures or prompts | Retells stories with specific details and embellishments |  |
| Making sense of stories | Making sense of stories with prompts | Makes sense of stories using prior experiences, pictures, and illustrations | Makes connections with other stories and/or life experiences |  |
| Uses word identification strategies | Exhibits the use of some context clues and limited phonetic awareness | Uses prediction, contest clues, and phonetic awareness | Reads grade level material fluently without hesitation and with expression |  |
| Answers specific comprehension questions | Accurately answers some questions with prompts  | Accurately answers most questions with prompts to return to the passage | Answers questions accurately without prompts |  |