

Growing Successful Readers to Meet PA Core Standards

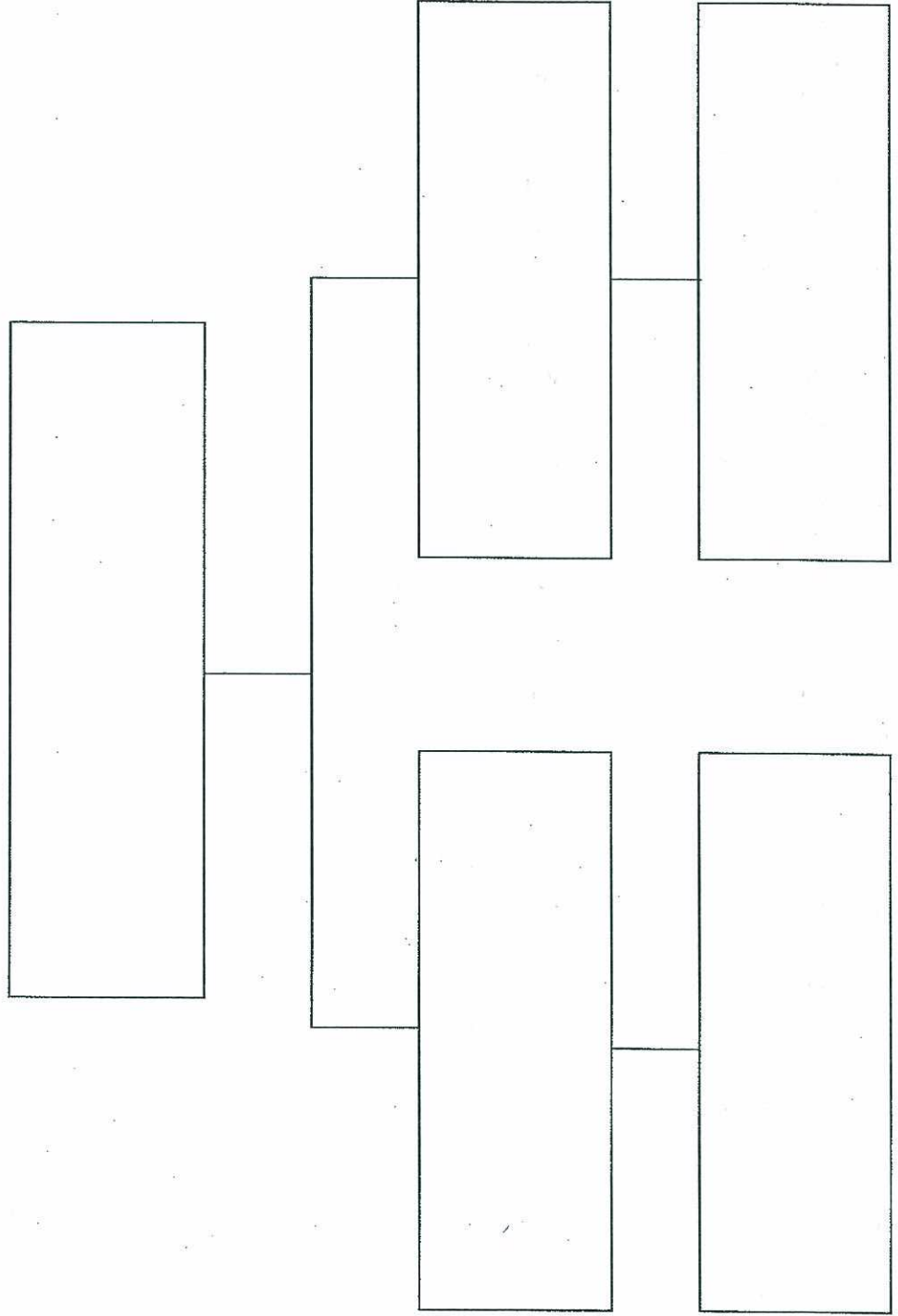
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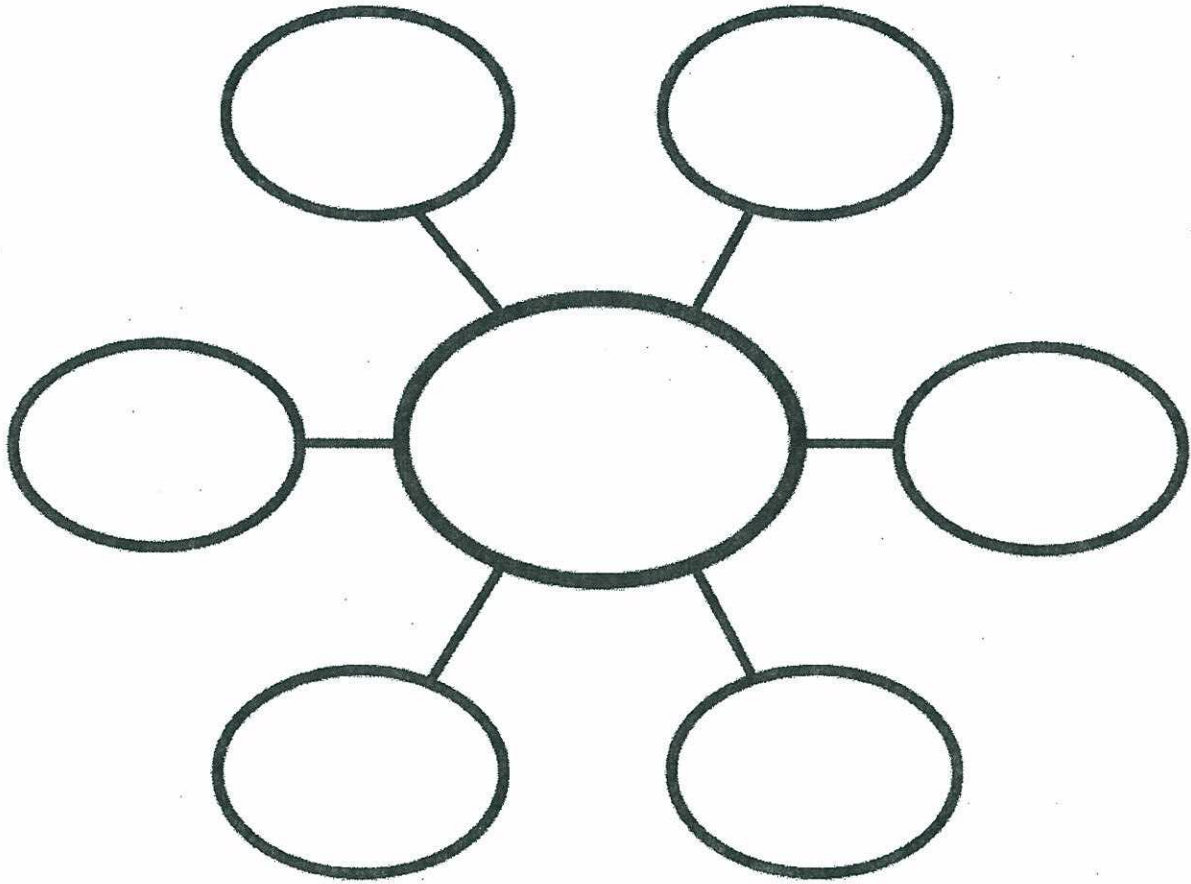
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Concept Map



Word web



Your Child's Communication Development: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Your Child's Communication: Kindergarten

By the end of kindergarten your child should be able to do the following:

Listening

- Follow 1-2 simple directions in a sequence
- Listen to and understand age-appropriate stories read aloud
- Follow a simple conversation

Speaking

- Be understood by most people
- Answer simple "yes/no" questions
- Answer open-ended questions (e.g., "What did you have for lunch today?")
- Retell a story or talk about an event
- Participate appropriately in conversations
- Show interest in and start conversations

Reading

- Know how a book works (e.g., read from left to right and top to bottom in English)
- Understand that spoken words are made up of sounds
- Identify words that rhyme (e.g., *cat* and *hat*)
- Compare and match words based on their sounds
- Understand that letters represent speech sounds and match sounds to letters
- Identify upper- and lowercase letters
- Recognize some words by sight
- "Read" a few picture books from memory
- Imitate reading by talking about pictures in a book

Writing

- Print own first and last name
- Draw a picture that tells a story and label and write about the picture
- Write upper- and lowercase letters (may not be clearly written)

Your Child's Communication: First Grade

By the end of first grade your child should be able to do the following:

Listening

- Remember information
- Respond to instructions
- Follow 2-3 step directions in a sequence

Speaking

- Be easily understood
- Answer more complex "yes/no" questions
- Tell and retell stories and events in a logical order
- Express ideas with a variety of complete sentences
- Use most parts of speech (grammar) correctly
- Ask and respond to "wh" questions (who, what, where, when, why)
- Stay on topic and take turns in conversation
- Give directions
- Start conversations

Reading

- Create rhyming words