

Examples of Forms of Expressive Language

(lists are cumulative; higher grade levels build on previous grade lists)

	Narrative	Expository	Poetic
Kgn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pictures - illustrations - sculptures - dances - video/audio presentations - oral tellings - dramatizations - improvisations - picture story books - bed-to-bed journals - stories - fairy tales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pictures - illustrations - props (tickets, menus, appointment cards, grocery lists) - charts - pictographs - instructions/directions (games, maps, centres, task-cards, assignments) - recipes - lists - rules - signs - telephone book entries - learning logs - calendars - pictionaries - thank you notes - notes - invitations - cards - postcards - letters to family and friends - book reports (retellings, sketches, cartoons, puppet plays, roles plays, conversations, sculptures) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pictures - visual representations - alliteration (tongue twisters) - list poem - modeled patterns, songs - chants - rhymes - jingles
One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adventures - fantasy - comic/cartoon strips - folk tales - scripts-/ dramas (plays, puppet plays) - tableaux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - descriptions - diagrams - dictionaries - posters - reports - science experiments - nonfiction books - advertisements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sensory poems - comparison (similes) - alphabet/ acrostic - onomatopoeia

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - letters to characters in books and familiar people in the school and community - envelopes - book reports (learning logs, responses, summaries) 	
Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fables - legends - tall tales - traditional stories - journals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - graphs - commercials - cookbooks (class books) - itineraries - schedules - agendas - television guides - tips (biking, bus, fire, water safety) - research projects and reports - summaries - letters from pen pals - book reports (dioramas, character mobiles, book jackets, improvisations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shape/concrete - couplets - raps - readers' theatre
Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mysteries - scripts/ dramas (radio/TV) - slide shows/ Power Point - myths - chapters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - classified ads - brochures/travel guides - newsletter - surveys - interviews - questionnaires - timelines - magazine/newspaper articles - slide shows/ Power Point - letters of request and for information - book reports (graphic organizers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diamantes - cinquains - spoonerisms - riddles - jokes
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - autobiographies - memoirs - sequels - serializations - chapter books 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - autobiographies - book reports (games, character sketches, maps, book and movie reviews) - observations - histories - prologues - news and weather reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - free verse - limericks

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - letters to the editor and to officials - speeches 	
Five	- biographies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - biographies - study notes - travelogues - letters of complaint and concern - book reports (plot diagrams, author studies, compare and contrast representations, follow-up research projects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cinquains - puns - epitaphs
Six	- cliff hangers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - essays - letters of application - book reports (critical response, critique) - debates - minutes of a meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lyrics - ballads - odes - haiku