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Focus Areas: Vocabulary for informational reading

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Focus Areas: Basic math computational skills

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School goal(s) and focus areas(s):
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Focus Areas: Vocabulary for informational reading

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