

This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of 1st grade in mathematics and English language arts/literacy. It focuses on the key skills your child will learn in these subjects, which will build a strong foundation for success in the other subjects he or she studies throughout the school year. This guide is based on the new Common Core State Standards, which have been adopted by more than 40 states. These K–12 standards are informed by the highest state standards from across the country. If your child is meeting the expectations outlined in these standards, he or she will be well prepared for 2nd grade.

WHY ARE ACADEMIC STANDARDS IMPORTANT?

Academic standards are a set of expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. They are developed by experts in the field and are based on research about how students learn. Standards are important because they provide a clear path for students to follow and help teachers and parents understand what their child should be learning.

Standards are also important because they help to ensure that all students are learning the same core knowledge and skills. This is important for students who move from one state to another or who attend school in different parts of the country. Standards also help to ensure that students are learning the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in college and in the workforce.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

There are many ways you can help your child learn. One of the most important things you can do is to read to your child every day. Reading to your child helps to build their vocabulary and comprehension skills. It also helps to build a love of reading.

Another way you can help your child is to encourage them to do their homework and to study hard. You can also help your child by providing them with a quiet place to study and by checking in with them to see how they are doing.

Help Your Child Learn at Home

Learning does not end in the classroom. Children need help and support at home to succeed in their studies. Try to create a quiet place for your child to study, and carve out time *every day* when your child can concentrate on reading, writing, and math uninterrupted by friends, brothers or sisters, or other distractions.

You should also try and sit down with your child at least once a week for 15 to 30 minutes while he or she works on homework. This will keep you informed about what your child is working on, and it will help you be the first to know if your child needs help with specific topics. By taking these small steps, you will be helping your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

Additional information on the standards for each subject is available at www.corestandards.org.

English Language Arts & Literacy

- English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects
- Reading Informational Text
- Reading Literature
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- Language

Mathematics

- Number and Operations in Base Ten
- Number and Operations—Fractions
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry
- Measurement and Data
- Mathematical Practices

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