

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 used to guide curriculum development, instruction, and assessment. Standards are important because they provide a clear path for learning and help ensure that all students are meeting the same level of achievement. They also help parents understand what their child is learning in school and how they can support their child's learning at home.

Standards are also important because they provide a common framework for learning across different schools and districts. This helps to ensure that all students are receiving a high-quality education and are prepared for the next grade level. Standards are also used to measure student progress and to identify areas where students may need additional support. By understanding the standards, parents can help their child stay on track and achieve their full potential.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

There are many ways you can help your child learn and grow. One of the most important things you can do is to read with your child every day. Reading together helps to build their vocabulary, improve their comprehension, and develop their love of learning. You can also help your child by providing a quiet space for them to study and complete their homework.

Another way to help your child is to encourage them to ask questions and explore new topics. This helps to develop their critical thinking skills and their ability to solve problems. You can also help your child by providing them with resources and materials that they can use to learn more about the subjects they are studying.

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

- **Reading** – Students should be able to read and understand a variety of texts, including fiction and non-fiction, and be able to analyze and evaluate what they read.
- **Writing** – Students should be able to write clearly and effectively for a variety of purposes, including narrative, expository, and persuasive writing.
- **Speaking and Listening** – Students should be able to communicate effectively in a variety of contexts, including formal and informal settings.
- **Language** – Students should be able to understand and use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including technical, scientific, and historical terms or terminology.

Mathematics

- **Number and Operations** – Students should be able to understand numbers, how they relate to one another, and how they can be used to solve problems.
- **Algebra** – Students should be able to understand and use mathematical symbols and equations to represent and solve problems.
- **Geometry** – Students should be able to understand and use geometric shapes and their properties to solve problems.
- **Statistics and Probability** – Students should be able to understand and use data to make decisions and solve problems.

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