

Common Core State Standards Shifts for Parents and Students



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Read as much nonfiction as fiction

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read more nonfiction • Know the ways nonfiction can be put together • Enjoy and discuss the details of the nonfiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply more nonfiction text • Read nonfiction texts aloud or with your child • Have fun with nonfiction in front of them

Learn about the world by reading

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand concepts in science and social studies through reading • Handle “primary source” documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply series of texts on topics of interest • Find books that explain • Discuss nonfiction texts and the ideas within

Read more complex materials carefully

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-read • Read materials at comfort level and work with more challenging texts • Handle frustration and keep pushing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more challenging text and provide texts they want to read and can read comfortably • Know what is grade level appropriate • Read challenging text with them • Show that challenging reading is worth unpacking

Discuss reading using evidence

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find evidence to support their arguments • Form judgments • Become scholars • Discuss what the author is “ up to” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about text • Demand evidence in every day discussions • Read aloud or read the same book and discuss with evidence

Writing from Sources

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make arguments in writing using evidence • Compare multiple texts in writing • Write well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage writing at home • Write “books” together and use evidence/details • Look at Appendix A: http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_A.pdf

Academic Vocabulary

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the words that they can use in college and career • Express oneself using the specific academic/technical vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read often and constantly with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and children • Read multiple books about the same topic • Let you children see you reading • Talk, read, and listen to your children; sing with your children

Learn More About Less

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend more time on fewer concepts • Emphasis is on students reaching strong foundational knowledge and deep conceptual understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know what the priority work is for your child for their grade level • Spend time with your child on priority work • Ask your child’s teacher about their progress on priority work

Skills across Grades

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect their learning within and across the grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of what your child struggled with last year and how that will affect learning this year • Advocate for your child and ensure that support is given for “gap” skills

Speed and Accuracy

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop speed and accuracy with simple calculations • Spend time practicing—lots of problems on the same idea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push children to know/memorize basic math facts • Know all of the fluencies your child should have and prioritize learning of the ones they don’t

Know it/Do it!

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand why the math works • Make the math work • Use both speaking and writing to prove why the math works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice whether your child really knows why the answer is what it is • Advocate for the time your child needs to learn key math • Get smarter in math your child needs to know

Perseverance

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persevere in solving problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child not to give up and to try different strategies • Ask open-ended questions to help your child think about what they know and how that might lead to a solution

Real World

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply math in real world situations • Know which math to use for which situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your child to do the math that comes up in your daily life

Think Fast/Solve Problems

Students must...	Parents can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to use core math facts fast • Be able to apply math in the real world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your child is practicing the math facts he/she struggles with • Make sure your child is thinking about math in real life