

High Expectations

4th Grade

Your Fourth Grader's Academic Success Begins with You

Your involvement in your child's academic success, at every stage, opens the door to opportunities and increases their options for the future.

Do you know what your child is expected to learn in school this year? Part of being an engaged parent is knowing about key academic milestones and how you can support your child in meeting them. Here are some of the key academic skills your child will need to master in the fourth grade and ideas for ways you can supplement the learning at home.

Academic Skills

- Practice finding the main problem or conflict in the plot of a book and describe how the problem or conflict was solved.
- Identify the moral and/or theme of the story.
- Write about what they've read and include a sequence of events.
- Understand how to multiply multi-digit numbers and complete long division problems.
- Convert fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions.
- Add and subtract decimals to the hundredth place.

Activities to do at Home

- Help develop strong reading habits. Have your child read independently for 30 minutes. As he is reading, ask him to tell you when he has recognized the main problem. When the story has ended, ask him to explain the setting, characters and main idea.
- Provide your child with a Hershey's chocolate bar and ask her to visually demonstrate $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.
- On paper, write two different amounts of money including the dollar amount and cents. Ask your child to practice adding and subtracting the amounts. For example:
 $\$710.00 + \$205.35 = \$915.35$.



Ways to Create a High Expectations Culture in Your Home

- Make student academic success a family priority. That means school comes before extracurricular and social activities.
- Set completing college or other postsecondary program as the ultimate academic goal for your student.
- Commit to be actively engaged in your child's education at every stage – from birth through postsecondary – and take ownership for being a partner in your student's success.

Note: Every child develops at his/her own pace. These are recommended age specific guidelines for academic skill development.

The above Academic Skills are based on the Common Core Standards. Please talk with your child's teacher to get more specific information about each of these skills. A full list of common core standards by grade level is available at www.azed.gov.

