

High Expectations

5th Grade

Your Fifth 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 fifth grade and ideas for ways you can supplement the learning at home.

Academic Skills

- Use root words, prefixes and suffixes to figure out the meaning of unknown words.
- Determine two or more main ideas from a text and explain how they are supported by key details.
- Analyze how character traits influence a character's actions. Be able to predict a character's actions.
- Write different kinds of texts, including opinion pieces, informative and explanatory texts.
- Multiply and divide multi-digit whole numbers.
- Practice using fractions, decimals and percent in different ways.
- Practice using different units of measurement in real-life situations.

Activities to do at Home

- Ask your child to tell you what unit of measurement they would use to measure different objects. (Kitchen table, milk in a cup, distance from room to room).
- Create a grocery shopping list with your child. Find the prices in the grocery ads. Ask your child to estimate the total amount of money needed to complete the shopping list.
- Encourage your child to write a persuasive letter to a family member, a teacher or an elected official about an issue they are passionate about.
- Ask your child to add up the ages of all of the adults in your family and add up the ages of all of the children in your family. Divide the total number by the number of family members in order to find the average age of your family.

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.



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