General Parent Resources

- ♦ Common Core State Standards www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc
- ♦ Common Core Video- <u>www.commoncoreworks.org/</u> page/378
- K-8 California's Common Core Standards Parent Handbook- www.smmusd.org/edservices/ commoncore/pdf/ccsparenthandbook.pdf
- RESOURCES
- Parent Roadmaps to Common Core Standards (Council of Great City Schools') - http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328
- Parents' Guides to Student Success (National PTA) http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm? ItemNumber=2583&navltemNumber=3363

Common Core Grade Level Resources

- ♦ A Look At Kindergarten Through Grade Six In California Public Schools – www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/grlevelcurriculum.asp
- ♦ Learn Zillion High Quality Lessons For Review By Students All Aligned To CCSS – www.learnzillion.com

Common Core Assessment

- Smarter Balanced Practice Tests www.smarterbalanced.org/ pilot-test/
- Smarter Balanced Fact vs Fiction http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterbalresources.asp

Parent/Student Home Resources

- Family Math Activities http://www.orecity.k12.or.us/staff/curriculum resources/mathematics/family math activities
- Everyday Mathematics http://everydaymath.uchicago.eduparents/
- Reading Resources http://www2.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/edpicks.html



CALIFORNIA STATE STANDARDS FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS



PARENT ROADMAP

nd Grade

Designed to prepare all students to graduate from high school ready for post secondary education and careers.

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This Parent Roadmap Includes:

- An introduction to Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- An overview of what your child will be learning in English language arts/literacy and mathematics.
- Tips for talking to your child's teacher about his or her academic progress.
- Ideas and activities to help your child extend learning at home.
- Additional resources.

What are the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)?

California has joined a national research-based movement to adopt common standards and assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Common standards allow for collaboration among states on best practices and professional development. Common learning goals provide a clear vision of what educators, students and parents in all states should aim for. These learning goals help ensure that students meet college and work expectations, are prepared to succeed in a global economy and society, and are provided with rigorous standards. The CCSS include standards for English language arts/literacy and mathematics for each grade level or subject course for K-12. In English language arts/literacy, CCSS are organized by the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards. These broad standards along with the grade specific ELA standards (reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language) define the skills and understandings students must demonstrate to achieve literacy in all areas. In mathematics, content standards are organized by grade level or subject course (K-12), and include Standards for the Mathematical Practices. These behaviors and practices

Practices. These behaviors and practices deepen students understanding of mathematics and enhance their problem solving abilities.

Early Childhood Education Program:

LCOEs Early Childhood Education Department is focused on preparing our students for success in school. We provide quality programs for children 0-5.



 Child and Family Resources provides subsidized care for children 0-12 in family child care settings. Participants must meet income guidelines.

Local Child Care Planning Council plans for child care by assessing the community needs. Its members include community representatives as well as child care consumers.

RAINBOW Program support and resources for children with special needs 0-3 in family child care settings.

 State Preschool enrolls 3-5 year olds from income eligible families. Our State Preschools are located on elementary campuses throughout the county. We accept 3 year olds (if age 3 by October 2nd), as space allows.



 California Preschool Instructional Network provides professional development for early childhood educators.

SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area)

The Lassen County SELPA, a consortium of the 14 school districts in Lassen County, provides leadership, support, and technical assistance to teachers and families in Lassen County. These programs and services are identified through the IEP process and are specially designed to promote student achievement in the Least Restrictive Environment. Services provided include:

- Leadership of countywide special education staff development to accelerate achievement for all students and eliminate the achievement app
- Maintenance of a lending library for materials, curriculum, and assistive technology for county schools to support special education students
- Leadership surrounding state and federal mandates regarding special education
- Assistance for all districts in anticipating and responding to current and future challenges and trends in special education
- Collaboration with parents, businesses, and community partners to increase their participation in schools and build public confidence and trust in public education
- Maximization of resources to improve the quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of school districts and the County Office

Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) is dedicated to supporting schools and districts as they work to improve student achievement and meet the needs of all learners. Please visit our website at www.lcoe.org for a complete listing of department offerings. The following programs offer resources that may be especially valuable for parents.

Educational Support Services:

LCOE Educational Support Services provides administrators and teachers quality assistance in building knowledge and skills around the district and school culture, goal setting and implementation, and instructional practices. The goal of ESS is to build the capacity of educators to improve student achievement for all. Our services include:



- Professional development workshops
- Administrator and teacher support



- English Language Arts and Mathematics support
- Community educational events
- Educational resources for loan

After School Program:

The Lassen County After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) is a program which provides a safe, healthy and enriching environment for K-8 school children to participate in:



- Homework Assistance/Tutoring
- Academic Enrichment/Recreation
- Social Skills Development
- Prevention Activities
- Youth Development
- Character Education
- High Education
- Career Exploration

Student Support Services

Student Support Services provide training, technical assistance, and direct services to schools, parents, students, and community agencies to support physical and emotional health and safety for all Lassen County students. Staff provide leadership and expertise in the areas of school safety and crisis planning, bullying and violence prevention, substance use and teen pregnancy prevention, mental health, mentoring, nutrition, foster and homeless youth services, and truancy/drop-out prevention.

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Why Are Academic Standards Important?

The Common Core State
Standards are important because
they help ensure that all students,
no matter which state they live in,
are prepared for success in
college and the workforce. They
help set clear, consistent, and high
expectations for students, parents,



and teachers, to build your child's knowledge and skills, and help set high goals for all students. Having clearly defined goals helps families and teachers work together to ensure that students succeed. Standards help parents and teachers know when students need extra assistance or when they need to be challenged. Standards also will help students develop critical thinking skills that prepare them for the world beyond high school.

Today's students are moving beyond the basics and embracing the 4C's - "super skills" for the 21st century!

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Communication
Sharing thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions



Collaboration

Working together to reach a
goal — putting talent, expertise,
and smarts to work



Critical Thinking
Looking at problems in
a new way, linking learning
across subjects & disciplines



Trying new approaches to get things done equals innovation & invention

College & Career Preparation

The first column represents overarching cross-disciplinary literacy expectations also known as the ELA Anchor Standards. The second column, Mathematical Practice Standards, explains the important math processes and proficiencies students should develop to prepare for success.

ELA Anchor Standards

1. Reading

- Key Ideas and Details
- Craft and Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

2. Writing

- Text Types and Purposes
- Production of Distribution of Writing
- Research to Build and Present Knowledge
- Range of Writing

3. Speaking and Listening

- Comprehension and Collaboration
- Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

4. Language

- Conventions of Standard English
- Knowledge of Language
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Mathematical Practice Standards

- 1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- 2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- Model with mathematics.
- 5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
- 6. Attend to precision.
- 7. Look for and make use of structure.
- 8. Look for and express regularity in and repeated

reasoning.

How Can Parents Help at Home?

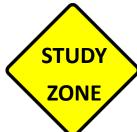
Play math games with your child. For example, "I'm thinking of a number. It has 5 tens, 3 hundreds, and 4 ones. What is the number? 354." Or, using a deck of cards, deal two cards and ask your child to add the two numbers. You can also identify a target number and ask your child to either add or subtract to obtain that target number (use a target of 20 or

less).

Have your child explain the relationship between different numbers without counting. For example, 147 is 47 more than 100 and three less than 150.

Encourage your child to stick with it whenever a problem seems difficult. This will help your child see that everyone can learn math.

Praise your child when he or she makes an effort and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.



Tips for Talking with Teachers!



INTERSTATE Don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher. You are still an important part of your child's education. Ask to see samples of your child's work and discuss his/her progress

with the teacher using questions like:

- Is my child at the level where he/she should be at this point on the school year?
- How is math progress measured? Can we look at some of his/her work together?
- In which area of math is my child excelling?
- What do you think is giving my child the most trouble? How can I help? Do you have any additional activities that would support my child?
- Can you show me how you solved this problem in class?
- Which math topics are coming up? What can I do to help get them ready for upcoming work?
- What is your preferred method of communication (email, phone, notes home)?
- How can I keep track of his/her completed assignments? Do you communicate grades online?

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Four Attributes of **College & Career Ready Students**

ready students

possess the ability to

solve real world

problems through the

conceptual

application of key

content knowledge

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Academic Behaviors

Students possess the ability to organize their academic work, engage in self-assessment of progress toward course outcomes, manage their time effectively. College-and-career-

and complete or refine assignments with precision and accuracy.

Real World Application Students

using higher order possess the thinking skills. ability to successfully complete problems connected to real world scenarios that require conceptual application of content knowledge, collaborative aroup work and use of various forms of media.

Higher Order Skills

Students possess the ability to solve problems using critical thinking, reasoning and interpretation of research and results. communicated in a

> manner that conveys clear

Academic Language

Students possess the ability to demonstrate

mastery of content area skills and concepts through the appropriate use of academic language (reading, writing and speaking) as defined by the level of rigor within the standard.

Highlights of

English Language Arts

In second grade, students will continue to build important reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language skills. They will continue to learn and practice rules for matching sounds to letters that make up words, and they learn new concepts, such as words that share the same root, to help them figure out the meanings of new words. They will

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think, talk, and write about what they read in a variety of texts, such as stories, books, articles, and other sources of information including the internet. In their writing, students will learn how to develop a topic and strengthen their skills by editing and

revising. Writing will become an exciting way for your child to use newly learned words and phrases to express ideas.

Samples of the Work Your Student Will Be Doing

- Reading stories from different genres and cultures and identifying the lesson or moral.
- Reading history, social studies, or science texts and identifying the main idea.
- Answering who, what, when, where, why, and how questions.
- Learning and using new words.
- ♦ Learning and using rules of spoken and written English.
- Writing about a short series of events describing actions, thoughts, and feelings, and writing about opinions on books using details and examples to support a position.

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- Working together to gather facts and information on a topic.
- Participating in class discussions by listening and building on what others are saying.
- Describing information learned from articles or books read aloud.



Math Progressions

Here is an example of how students will develop mathematical skills across grade levels as they continue to challenge themselves throughout each year.



First Grade

Solve word problems by adding or subtracting numbers up through 20.

Second Grade

Solve one- and two-step word problems by adding or subtracting numbers up through 100.

Third Grade

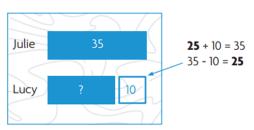
Solve two-step word problems by adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing numbers up through 100.

Sample of What Students Will Be Asked To Do

Julie has 35 books. Julie has 10 more books than Lucy. How many books does Lucy have? How many books do they have together?

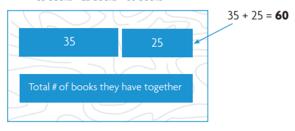
Step 1: If Lucy has 10 less books than Julie, students first need to figure out what 10 less than 35 is.

35 books - 10 books = 25 books



Step 2: Students then have to add the number of books Julie has to the number of books Lucy has.

35 books + 25 books = 60 books



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Highlights of

Mathematics

In Grade 2, your child will extend their understanding of base-ten notation and counting within 1000. He/she will use this place value understanding to solve word problems. Students will build fluency with addition and subtraction and solve two step word problems by using drawings and equations. They will also use repeated addition and draw arrays (the foundation for multiplication). Students will use standard units of measure, and use data to represent information. They will describe and analyze shapes and use knowledge to describe a whole as two halves, three thirds, etc.

Samples of the Work Your Student Will Be Doing

- Solving one- or two-step word problems by adding or subtracting numbers up through 100.
- Adding and subtracting three digit numbers.
- Estimating and measure lengths of objects in standard units such as inches and centimeters.
- Dividing circles and rectangles into halves, thirds, or fourths.
- Solve addition, subtraction, and comparison word problems using time, money and bar graphs.
- ♦ Using repeated addition and arrays to solve word problems.



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ELA Progressions

Here is an example of how students will develop literacy skills across grade levels as they read and write increasingly challenging works of literature and informational text.



First Grade Reading

Students retell stories, including key details and the lesson of the story. In addition, they can identify who is telling the story at various points in the text.

Second Grade Reading Students retell stories and

determine the central lesson. They acknowledge different points of view of the characters and speak in a different voice for each character.

Third Grade Reading

Students recount stories, describing the central lesson, how it is developed in the text, and how their point of view can be distinguished from the narrator or characters.

First Grade Writing

Students name a topic and supply facts as well as closure.

Second Grade Writing

Students introduce a topic, support it with facts, and provide a concluding statement.

Third Grade Writing

Students introduce a topic, use details to develop points, group related details together, use linking words in writing, and provide a concluding statement.

Samples of Texts Students Will Work with During ELA

Literature: My Father's Dragon; Tops and Bottoms;

Poppleton in Winter; "Autumn"

Informational: From Seed to Plant; A Medieval Feast

Samples of What Students Will Be Asked To Do

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Literature

Students explain how Mark Teague's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed in Cynthia Rylant's *Poppleton in Winter* to create the mood and emphasize aspects of characters and setting in the story.

Informational

Students read Aliki's description of A Medieval Feast and demonstrate their understanding of all that goes into such an event by asking questions perfaining to who, what, when, where, why, and how such a meal happens, and by answering using key details.

Tips for Talking with Teachers!

Don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher. You are still an important part of your child's education. Ask to see samples of your child's work and discuss his/her progress with the teacher using questions like:



- Is my child reading on grade level? Can he/she answer questions related to text?
- How is my child doing in writing?
- What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in literacy?
- What can I do at home to make sure that my child can successfully expand his/her reading and writing skills throughout their day?



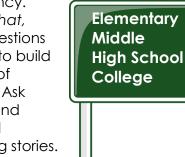
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How Can Parents Help at Home?

Provide time and space away from distractions for your child to read independently. In addition, listen to

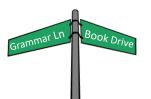
his/her read often to ensure they are building fluency.

Ask your child who, what, when, where, why questions after they have read to build their comprehension of informational details. Ask them to retell stories and determine the central message after reading stories.



 Model the value of reading at home by providing a family library where children and

parents can store their books. Read and share what you have read with your child so he/she sees others reading. You may also start a family book club and enjoy reading a book together.



- Provide opportunities for your child to write at home, including the use of technology to do so. Have them include a solid topic, details, and a strong conclusion.
- Encourage your child to speak about what topics, events, or activities interest him/her. Look for books, magazines and other materials about these topics that will motivate him/her to read.

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