

KS Scoop

A NEWSLETTER SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



Common Core State Standards Focus on Literacy!

What are the Common Core State Standards?

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a coherent progression of learning expectations in English language arts and mathematics designed to prepare K–12 students for college and career success. The CCSS communicate what is expected of students at each grade level, putting students, parents, teachers, and school administrators on the same page, working toward shared goals.

The Common Core State Standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable, and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Are informed by other top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in the global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

Since our **Family Arabic & English Night** is just around the corner, we wanted to share information with you about the CCSS for English language arts. The standards for English language arts help students develop in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening, and language. The standards describe how students use and strengthen their skills – particularly reading and writing – in other subjects at their grade level. You'll find more information on page 2.

Please Join Us! ARABIC & ENGLISH NIGHT

BIE & BIH: Monday, February 19, 2018
KG, GIE & GIH: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

EVENTS

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION
Sunday, January 28, 2018

GIE, GIH, BIE & BIH
MAP Recognition Assemblies

GIE Lower:
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018

GIE Upper, GIH, BIE & BIH
Thursday, February 1, 2018

FOUNDATION P/T CONFERENCES

GIE, GIH, BIE & BIH
Monday, February 5, 2018
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

KG, GIE, GIH & BIE
Janadriah Celebrations
Thursday, February 8, 2018

KG MOTHERS' PEARSON TRAINING
Monday, February 12, 2018
10:00 a.m. OR 4:00 p.m.
Attend either one. Thank you.

BIE & BIH
ARABIC & ENGLISH NIGHT
Monday, February 19, 2018

KG, GIE & GIH
ARABIC & ENGLISH NIGHT
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

DSCA CHARITY EVENT
Friday, March 2, 2018
KS Soccer Field

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Key Features of the English Standards

Reading: Text complexity and growth of comprehension

The reading standards place equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skill with which they read.

Writing: Text types, responding to reading, and research

The writing standards acknowledge the fact that while some writing skills apply to many types of writing, other skills relate to specific types of writing: arguments, informative/explanatory text, and narratives.




Speaking and Listening: Flexible communication and collaboration

The speaking and listening standards require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interpersonal skills, not just skills needed for formal presentations.

Language: Conventions (grammar), effective use, and vocabulary

The language standards include the essential “rules” of standard written and spoken English, but they also look at language as a matter of craft and making choices.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3. <small>(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)</small>		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Helpful Resources

www.prepdog.org: Offers free Common Core and RIT band quizzes. Quizzes are in English, mathematics, and science.

www.newsela.com: Free leveled news, primary source and more, with standards-aligned formative assessments.

www.khanacademy.com: Khan Academy is a nonprofit with the mission of providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.