

PA Core Shifts for English Language Arts

- *What Shift is required?*
- *What does that mean for my child?*
- *How can I help and support my child?*

SHIFT	STUDENT	PARENT
Read as much non-fiction as fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read more non-fiction • Know the ways non-fiction can be put together • Enjoy and discuss the details of non-fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply more non-fiction text • Read non-fiction texts aloud or with your child • Have fun with non-fiction in front of your child
Learn about the World by Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get smart in Science and Social Studies through reading • Handle "primary source" documents • Get smarter through texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply series of texts on topics of interest • Find books that explain • Discuss non-fiction texts and the ideas within
Read more Complex Material Carefully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-read • Read material at comfort level and work with more challenging stuff • Unpack text • Handle frustration and keep pushing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prove more challenging texts and provide texts they want to read and can read comfortably • Know what is grade level appropriate • Read challenging stuff with your child • Show that challenging stuff is worth unpacking
Discuss Reading Using Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find evidence to support their arguments • Form judgments • Discuss what the author is "up to" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about text • Ask for evidence in every day discussions/ disagreements • Read aloud or read the same book and discuss with evidence
Writing from Sources	<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
Academic Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the words that they can use in college and career • Get smarter at using the "language of power" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read often with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and children • Read multiple books about the same topic • Let your kids see you reading • Talk to your children; Read to your children; Listen to your children; Sing with your children; Make up silly rhymes and word games with your children