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?

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| Read as much non-fiction as fiction | • Read more non-fiction  
  • Know the ways non-fiction can be put together  
  • Enjoy and discuss the details of non-fiction | • 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 | • Get smart in Science and Social Studies through reading  
  • Handle "primary source" documents  
  • Get smarter through texts | • 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 | • Re-read  
  • Read material at comfort level and work with more challenging stuff  
  • Unpack text  
  • Handle frustration and keep pushing | • 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 | • Find evidence to support their arguments  
  • Form judgments  
  • Discuss what the author is "up to" | • 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 | • Make arguments in writing using evidence  
  • Compare multiple texts in writing  
  • Write well | • Encourage writing at home  
  • Write books together and use evidence/details |
| Academic Vocabulary | • Learn the words that they can use in college and career  
  • Get smarter at using the "language of power" | • 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 |