

# Parent Guide to Grade 1 Standards



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## READING

### What should my child learn in Grade 1?

#### Decoding

- Work on spelling-sound correspondences (such as bl, ch, st, etc.).
- Read and spell one-syllable words.
- Read two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

#### Fluency

- Read text with purpose and understanding.
- Read text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.

#### Vocabulary

- Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases.
- Use clues to figure out what words mean.

#### Comprehension

- Ask and answer questions about a story, including characters, settings, and major events.
- Compare and contrast the experiences of different characters.
- Explain differences between texts that tell stories and texts that provide information.

### How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- 1 Read to your child and have him or her read to you every day for at least 15 minutes.
- 2 Provide time and space for your child to read independently that is free from distractions such as television.
- 3 Ask your child what topics, events, or activities he or she likes. Then look for books, magazines, or other materials about those topics that would motivate your child to read.
- 4 Be sure your child has a library card. Children should select books that interest them to develop a passion for reading.
- 5 Use technology to build your child's interest in reading. Students can read books or articles online at many websites. The computer will help with words the student cannot read independently.



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