

# Parent Guide to K5 Standards



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## WRITING

### What should my child learn in K5?

- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, to describe the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.
- With guidance, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.
- Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).
- Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

### Writing Conventions

- Print many uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., *dog*, *dogs*; *wish*, *wishes*).
- Understand and use question words (e.g., *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, *how*).
- Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., *to*, *from*, *in*, *out*, *on*, *off*, *for*, *of*, *by*, *with*).
- Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.

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



- Post written work on the wall or refrigerator or send it to family members and friends.
- Use magnetic letters and a cookie sheet to spell out words or create sentences.
- Use crayons, chalk, paint, or markers and let your child play with making marks on paper. Your child can begin to explore writing while building muscle coordination.
- Label objects drawn on paper with one or two words and build up to longer phrases. Labeling “sister” or “family” on pictures that your child draws helps to connect writing to expressing his or her ideas.



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The MPS Ambitious Instruction Plan strengthens core instruction and builds a strong foundation across academic areas with a focus on mastery of **reading**, **writing**, and **mathematics** skills.

For more information, contact your child’s teacher, school leader, or the MPS Office of Academics at (414) 777-7806 or [mpsmke.com/academics](https://mpsmke.com/academics).