

# Parent Guide to Grade 1 Standards



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## WRITING

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

- Write informational pieces naming a topic. Provide facts about the topic and a closing sentence.
- Write narratives recounting two or more sequenced events, including some details, transitional words, and a sense of closure.
- With guidance, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.
- Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).

### Writing Conventions

- Capitalize dates and names.
- Use punctuation for sentences.
- Use commas in dates and lists.
- Spell sight words.
- Use invented spelling.

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



- Provide time and space for your child to practice writing (free from distractions such as television).
- Write with your child often—recipes, postcards, birthday cards, or letters to family members or friends.
- Create a business card or letter for your child to introduce himself or herself to the teacher.
- Have your child help you write the grocery list or to-do list for the day.
- Write poems, books, and short stories about topics that interest your child.
- Use technology to help build your child’s interest in writing. There are several websites where students can “publish” online writing.



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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.