

# Parent Guide to Grade 5 Standards



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## WRITING

### What should my child learn in Grade 5?

#### Write Widely and Often

- Write clearly with style for a variety of purposes and audiences.
- Write opinion pieces supporting point of view with reasons and examples.
- Write informative/expository texts to clearly explore and express ideas about a topic.
- Write stories (real or imagined) using sensory details and story elements and techniques to draw the reader into the story.
- Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
- Learn new ideas and topics by doing research, which means gathering information from digital and print sources, taking notes about the topic, sorting the information into logical categories, and going through the writing process to compose a piece of text that incorporates evidence (e.g., quotes, detail, and information).

#### Language and Vocabulary

- Show growth in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence and paragraph expansion.
- Use words and phrases that are most effective based on the audience and purpose of the writing task.



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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).

### 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 for real purposes and audiences (e.g., co-write grocery lists, celebration invitations, etc.).
- Allow your child to see you engage in the act and art of writing.
- Encourage your child to take part in a writing contest. Many different writing contests happen at all times of the year.
- Use technology to help build your child's interest in writing.
- Read like a writer. As you read to your child and/or your child reads to you, point out aspects of the author's word choice, style, and technique that you enjoy and believe to be effective.

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.