

# Parents' Guide to Student Success



This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of 4th grade in English Language Arts and mathematics. This guide is based on West Virginia's College and Career Readiness Standards. If your child is meeting expectations outlined in these standards, he or she will be well prepared for 5th grade.

## 4TH GRADE

### English Language Arts & Literacy

In 4th grade English Language Arts, students will focus on developing key literacy skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These activities align with the standards and support students in becoming proficient in essential ELA skills that will prepare them for future academic and career success.

#### Example classroom activities:

- Analyze and interpret different types of texts (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, etc.)
- Identify themes, main ideas, and details, and compare texts.
- Understand and use grade-appropriate vocabulary, including academic words and phrases.
- Read fluently with appropriate expression, accuracy, and speed
- Write narrative, opinion, and informative texts, focusing on organizing ideas clearly, using proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Start developing basic research skills, such as gathering information from multiple sources and organizing it
- Engage in discussions, listening to others' ideas and sharing their own in clear and coherent ways
- Practice speaking in front of an audience, using effective language and non-verbal communication

### Mathematics

In 4th grade mathematics, students will deepen their understanding of key mathematical concepts and develop problem-solving skills. These standards aim to build students' mathematical fluency, logical reasoning, and ability to apply math to solve real-life problems, laying a strong foundation for more advanced concepts in later grades.

#### Example classroom activities:

- Compare and order fractions and decimals
- Multiply a whole number of up to four digits by a one-digit whole number; multiply two two-digit numbers
- Add, subtract, and multiply fractions
- Collect data and create a graph to represent the data
- Measure angles using a protractor
- Describe how a pattern follows a repeated rule