



English/Language Arts Curriculum – Kindergarten

Capital's English/Language Arts curriculum is aligned with the national Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Key features of the curriculum include reading (literature, informational text, and foundational skills), writing, speaking/listening, and language. A strong emphasis on higher-level comprehension skills provides opportunities for students to analyze and integrate information from multiple texts, noting similarities and differences in the points of view presented. Students read an abundance of different types of complex texts and engage in rich discussions and conversations that focus on text-based information. Students express their thinking verbally and in writing across the curriculum for various purposes and audiences. Teachers use research-based practices and materials to teach students the strategies they need to be successful readers and writers.

Students will develop awareness that language and reading are ways to communicate and learn information. Your child's language skills are the foundation for reading success.

Kindergarten will focus on:

- Developing oral language vocabulary and concepts
- Expressing thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly
- Responding appropriately in discussions to questions, directions, and spoken messages
- Naming and writing upper and lowercase letters
- Matching letters to sounds and using other methods to figure out unfamiliar words when reading and writing
- Reading sight words
- Learning and using new words
- Asking and answering questions about a story
- Retelling a story including main ideas and key details
- Comparing two stories and making connections between characters, events, or information
- Writing with phonetic spelling and moving towards conventional spelling for familiar words
- Using a combination of drawing, speaking, and writing to describe an event, give information about a topic, or share an opinion

For more information about your child's ELA/Reading curriculum, please contact your child's teacher or call the Curriculum Office at 857-4228.