

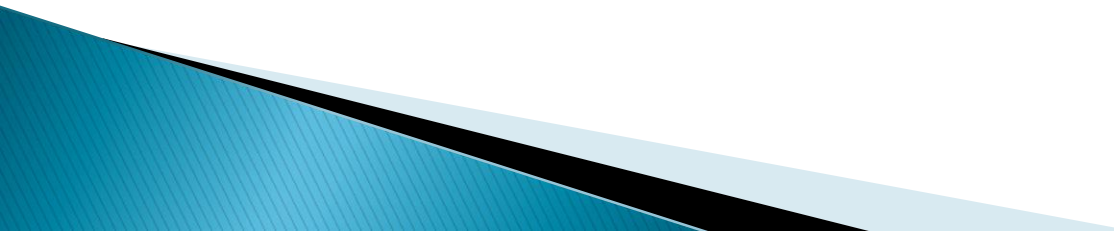
Welcome to Open House

Agenda



- ▶ Core Standards
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Behavior Expectations
- ▶ Homework Expectations
- ▶ What you can do to support your child's learning

Common Core Standards

- ▶ 45 States and 3 Territories have currently adopted the Common Core State Standards
 - ▶ The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce.
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These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K–12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs.

The standards:

- ▶ Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- ▶ Are clear, understandable and consistent;
- ▶ Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- ▶ Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- ▶ Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society; and
- ▶ Are evidence-based.

For more information go to www.corestandards.org
or www.engageny.org



Shifts for Students Demanded by the Core

6 Shifts in ELA/Literacy

Read as much non fiction as fiction
Learn about the world by reading
Read more challenging material closely
Discuss reading using evidence
Write non-fiction using evidence
Increase academic vocabulary



6 Shifts in Mathematics

Focus: learn more about fewer, key topics
Build skills within and across grades
Develop speed and accuracy
Really know it, Really do it
Use it in the real world
Think fast AND solve problems



ELA Curriculum Map Listening and Learning Strand

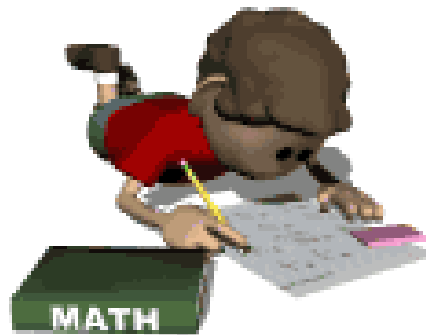
We are currently working on Nursery Rhymes and Fables. These domains were Created by New York State and purchased By Rochester City School District for all Teachers.

- ▶ Kindergarten English Language Arts
- ▶ Kindergarten English Language Arts: Listening and Learning Strand
 - Domain 1: Nursery Rhymes and Fables
 - Domain 2: The Five Senses
 - Domain 3: Stories
 - Domain 4: Plants
 - Domain 5: Farms
 - Domain 6: Native Americans
 - Domain 7: Kings and Queens
 - Domain 8: Seasons and Weather
 - Domain 9: Columbus and the Pilgrims
 - Domain 10: Colonial Towns
 - Domain 11: Taking Care of the Earth
 - Kindergarten ELA Domain 12: Presidents

Math and Writing



The Mathematics and Skills Strands are new to Common Core Curriculum this year.



MATHEMATICS

The focus areas of Kindergarten modules address:

Counting and Cardinality

Know number names and count sequence.

Count to tell the number of objects.

Compare numbers.

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.

Number and Operations in Base Ten

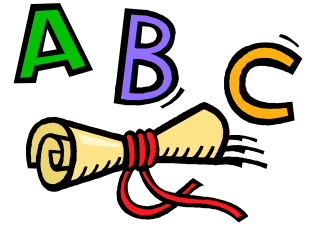
Work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value.

Each curriculum module will consist of a high-level outline (curriculum map and module overview/assessment bundle) for instruction and a set of curriculum materials following that outline – including topic overviews, daily lesson plans, extensive problem sets, guiding questions, examples of proficient student work, and other materials. Curriculum modules are high-quality sets of materials for major, supporting and additional clusters in each grade and high school course, developed coherently with attention to progressions in the NYS P-12 CCLS for Mathematics.

The number of modules (between 4–7 per grade) and the time required (between 10 days to 45 days per module) will depend on the scope and difficulty of the mathematical content that is the focus of the module.



Skills Strand



The Skills strand teaches reading and writing. Children practice blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) using the sound spellings they have learned through a synthetic phonics approach. Handwriting, spelling, and the writing process are also presented in the Skills strand.

10 things you can do to help your child succeed!



1. Build relationships with your child's teachers.

- ▶ Know the schools and teachers expectations
- ▶ Help your child be prepared
- ▶ Communicate with your child's teacher/school



2. Read Read Read

Reading is the foundation for all learning

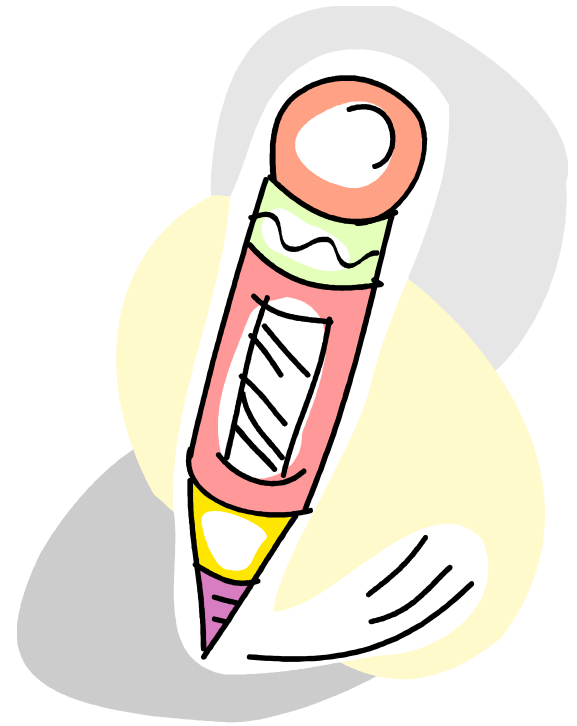
- ▶ Read to your children
- ▶ Let your children see you reading
- ▶ Let your child read to you

Reading is power!



3. Practice writing at home

- ▶ Letters/email
- ▶ Grocery lists
- ▶ Keep a daily journal



4. Make math part of everyday life

- ▶ Cooking ...measurement
- ▶ Paying bills
- ▶ Groceries

Show there are many ways to get the right answer.



5. Ask your child to explain his or her thinking

- ▶ Ask lots of “WHY” questions
- ▶ Have your child explain their reasoning

Example: Why did you chose this one and not the other one?



Can you explain?

6. Expect that homework will be done

- ▶ Keep track of your child's homework assignments
 - ▶ Have a designated place to do homework
 - ▶ Record books on the reading log
 - ▶ Show your child that homework is important
- Be available for assistance



7. Use the community classroom

- ▶ Use the library/ get a card
- ▶ Visit the farmers market
- ▶ Go to the Seneca Park Zoo
- ▶ Play at the park
- ▶ Visit a Museum
- ▶ Walk the pier / Ontario Lake



8. Encourage group Study

- ▶ Have play dates
- ▶ Get involved in local organizations
- ▶ Join Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts

Study groups will become more important as your child grows!



9. Help other parents

- ▶ Be involved in PTA
- ▶ Have informal conversations
- ▶ Be connected



10. Spend time in the classroom

- ▶ Visit the classroom
- ▶ Attend school events
- ▶ Go on a field trip

Your child will be happy you did and so will you!



Your child + your involvement= school success

You are the most important influence on your child.

Hold on tight they are only little once.



??Questions ??

