



# WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN?



## Fourth Grade

## 2016-2017

### How can I help my child at home?

Learning does not end in the classroom. Children need help and support at home to succeed in their studies. Try to create a quiet place for your child to study every day uninterrupted by friends, siblings, or other distractions. At home, you can play an important role in setting high expectations and supporting your child in meeting them. You should also try to sit down with your child at least once a week for 15 to 30 minutes while he or she is doing homework. This will keep you informed about what your child is working on. By taking small steps, you will be helping your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

- Urge your child to use logical arguments to defend his or her opinion. If your child wants a raise in allowance, ask him or her to research commonsense allowance systems and, based on that research, explain reasons why, supported by facts and details.
- Talk about the news together. Pick one story in the news, read it together, and discuss with your child what it means.
- Keep books, magazines, and newspapers at home. Make sure your child sees you reading.

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### Grade Level Expectations

Building the stamina and skills to read challenging fiction, nonfiction, and other materials is fundamental in 4th grade. Your child will continue to learn about the world as well as build vocabulary skills by reading more complicated stories and poems from different cultures and a range of books on history, science, art, and music. Fourth grade students also will make important strides in their ability to explain plainly and in detail what a book says — both explicitly and what is implied from its details. By 4th grade, your child will be writing effective summaries, book reports, and descriptions of characters or events that use correct grammar and punctuation.

### A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Fourth Grade

- Describing the basic elements of stories — such as characters, events, and settings by drawing on specific details in the text
- Paying close attention to key features of informational books and articles: these include understanding the main and supporting ideas; being able to compare and contrast information; and explaining how the author uses facts, details, and evidence to support particular points
- Comparing ideas, characters, events, and settings in stories and myths from different cultures
- Writing summaries or opinions about topics supported with a set of well-organized facts, details, and examples
- Independently conducting short research projects on different aspects of a topic using evidence from books and the Internet
- Paraphrasing and responding to information presented in discussions, such as comparing and contrasting ideas and analyzing evidence that speakers use to support particular points
- Reporting orally on a topic or telling a story with enough facts and details
- Writing complete sentences with correct capitalization and spelling
- Relating words that are common in reading to words with similar meanings (*synonyms*) and to their opposites (*antonyms*)

### District Resources

#### English Language Arts Website

LAFS Task Cards

Author's Purpose/Perspective



Text Structures

Context Clues Chart



Summary Frames

Topic/Main Idea/Theme



### Digital Links

**iReady:** <http://www.dadeschools.net/students.asp>

**C-Palms:** <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/>

**Achieve the Core:** <http://achievethecore.org/>

**myON Reader:** <https://www.myon.com/login/>

**Sunshine State Young Reader Award Program:** <http://www.floridamedia.org/?page=ssyrahome>