

KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS PARENT GUIDES

LITERACY

English Language Arts & Literacy

- Summarizing the key details of stories, dramas, poems, and nonfiction materials, including their themes or main ideas
- Identifying and judging evidence that supports particular ideas in an author's argument to change a reader's point of view
- Integrating information from several print and digital sources to answer questions and solve problems
- Writing opinions that offer reasoned arguments and provide facts and examples that are logically grouped to support the writer's point of view
- Writing stories, real or imaginary, that unfold naturally and developing the plot with dialogue, description, and effective pacing of the action
- Coming to classroom discussions prepared, then engaging fully and thoughtfully with others (contributing accurate, relevant information; elaborating on the remarks of others; synthesizing ideas)
- Reporting on a topic or presenting an opinion with his or her own words, a logical sequence of ideas, sufficient facts and details and formal English when appropriate
- Expanding, combining, and reducing sentences to improve meaning, interest, and styles of writing
- Building knowledge of academic words with an emphasis on those that signal a contrast in ideas or logical relationships, such as a *on the other hand, similarly, and therefore*
- Producing writing on the computer

Tennessee State Standards

This guide provides a overview of the curriculum standards in English and Language Arts for fifth grade. The Tennessee State Standards are important because they help ensure that all students, no matter where they live, are prepared for success in college and the workforce. With this overview, it is our hope that families and teachers will work collaboratively toward the success of all students. These standards help children develop critical thinking skills that will prepare them for college and career. As your child meets these expectations, he or she will be well prepared for sixth grade.

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Parents' Guide to Student Success 2012



Helping at Home

- Invite your child to read his or her writing out loud to other family members. Ask questions about your child's word choices and ideas.
- Go to a play or musical with your child. Discuss the way the actors bring the words to life.
- Discuss your family stories and history. Encourage your child to ask relatives questions about their lives. Put the information together in an album or brainstorm different ways to tell family tales, such as poems or short stories.

FIFTH GRADE

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