

# KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS PARENT GUIDES

## LITERACY

### English Language Arts & Literacy

- Using phonics (matching letters to sounds) and word analysis skills to figure out unfamiliar words when reading and writing
- Getting facts and information from different writings
- Writing about a topic, supplying some facts, and providing some sense of opening and closing
- Taking part in conversations about topics and texts being studied by responding to the comments of others and asking questions to clear up any confusion
- Producing and expanding complete simple and compound statements, questions, commands, and exclamations
- Identifying the correct meaning for a word with multiple meanings, based on the sentence or paragraph in which the word is used (e.g., deciding whether the word *bat* means a flying mammal or a club used in baseball)
- Learning to think about finer distinctions in the meanings of near-synonyms (e.g., marching, prancing, strutting, strolling, walking)

### Tennessee State Standards

This guide provides an overview of the curriculum standards in English and Language Arts for first 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 second grade.

Adapted from the National PTA website  
Parents' Guide to Student Success 2012



### Helping at Home

- Encourage your child to read to you books such as *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Manarik. Help him or her sound out difficult words. To find more books for your child to read, visit [www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix\\_B.pdf](http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf).
- Pick a “word of the day” each day starting with a different letter. Have your child write the word and look for other things that begin with the same letter.

## FIRST GRADE

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