

Parent Helper
Fourth and Fifth Grades

**Helping Students Succeed
At Home**

How This Handbook Works

Using Standards Everyday

The following activities are designed to help you help your child master grade-level academic standards through everyday activities.

Why is this important? We learn by doing and so do our children. By emphasizing and highlighting the English and math concepts we learn everyday, we can help our children gain a better understanding of the link between what they are learning in school and real life activities. This link is the key to academic success as students who know why they are asked to multiply or add or spell generally find it easier to learn the specific task than do students who are told merely to multiply 4×9 .

Following the everyday activities for English Language Arts are activities to help increase student reading fluency and comprehension at the fourth and fifth grade levels.

Following the everyday activities for math are lists of the concepts students must know in the fourth and fifth grades, terms and definitions related to these concepts and drills to help students master multiplication facts and divisibility.

Why is it important for families to become involved? Studies link children's school success to their parent's attitudes and beliefs about education. Plus...between birth and age 19 – children spend 9% of their time in school and 91% of their time elsewhere! It is up to parents to make the elsewhere matter.

The most important things to remember are...to be there for your child...model how you want him or her to be...make reading fun...learn new things together...go to libraries and museums...if you can't go on vacation...plan fun staycations.

You are your child's first teacher...you owe it to him or her to be the best one you can be.

