

### ***Questions for your child's teachers***

Do not be afraid to ask your child's teacher questions. Teachers want you involved in your child's education. The more you know, the more you can help.

#### ***Sample questions:***

1. How can we work together to create a plan for my child's success? Ask specific questions about how to build certain skills at home (e.g. reading, writing, speaking, and listening; addition and subtraction; shapes; measurement, etc.).
2. How are you supporting my child's home language and English language development in the classroom given the higher learning standards?
3. What types of training and support are you receiving to support my child's language development?
4. What types of curriculum and materials are available to support my child's language development?
5. How are you using collaboration and interaction in the classroom to help build my child's language?
6. How is your principal supporting you as a teacher as you transition to the Common Core?
7. How is the district supporting you as a teacher as you transition to the Common Core?

### ***Tips to build language and literacy at home to prepare for the new standards:***

Communicate with your child! You are your child's first language teacher. Share fun stories, songs, and interactions in whatever language you are most comfortable.

Make reading a daily priority for your family. As your child begins to read on their own, stay involved to help them sound out and learn new words. Talk to your child about what he/she is reading.

Instead of asking your child, "How was school today?" ask, "Tell me something that made you laugh." "When were you bored today?" "Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today."

Take your child to the library and other community sites that inspire a love of learning. Keep your child engaged in reading activities during summer months.

Take advantage of on-line reading resources that let you know the grade-level of the text. This will help you monitor if your child is reading at his/her appropriate level. Children can also actively choose reading subjects that interest them.

Enroll your child in preschool and ensure he/she attends daily.

Plan healthy meals together and ask your child to help you with measuring food portions—a great way to highlight math skills.



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## Common Core State Standards Resource Guide 2014-2015

### **General Information:**

“New Illinois Learning Standards: Illinois State Board of Education”

[http://www.isbe.net/common\\_core/](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/)

“Common Core Illinois: Real Learning for Real Life”

<http://commoncoreil.org/>

<http://commoncoreil.org/faq/#measuring-learning>

“Parents’ Guides to Student Success”

<http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>

“Achieve the Core”

<http://achievethecore.org/>

“Ten Things Parents Should Know about the Common Core Standards”

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/common-core/parents/faq/>

### **Recursos en Español:**

“Diez cosas que los padres deben saber sobre los Estándares Estatales de Educación”

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/articulo/53566/>

“Guías de Common Core Por Grado”

<http://noticias.univision.com/article/1937434/2014-04-30/educacion/estandares-academicos-estatales/guias-de-common-core-por-grado?ftloc=collection14283:wcmWidgetUimHulkDeckCards1x3>

“Que son los Common Core Standards?”

[http://noticias.univision.com/video/309789/2014-03-13/educacion/estandares-academicos-estatales/es-el-momento-estandares-academicos-fundamentales-common-core?ctx\\_t=collection&ctx\\_v=f31af3b78679530a60dbaf4d978495f2~dc41e59a55a9f0353e089f9510ccdd5b](http://noticias.univision.com/video/309789/2014-03-13/educacion/estandares-academicos-estatales/es-el-momento-estandares-academicos-fundamentales-common-core?ctx_t=collection&ctx_v=f31af3b78679530a60dbaf4d978495f2~dc41e59a55a9f0353e089f9510ccdd5b)

“Especial: Estándares educativos esenciales”

<http://noticias.univision.com/article/1111857/2013-06-06/educacion/estandares-comunes-common-core-standards>

### **Specific to English Learners:**

“What Does the Common Core Mean for English Language Learners?”

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/common-core/ells/>

“English Learners and the Common Core Standards”

<http://www.californianstogether.org/reports/>

“Aligning with Language Proficiency Standards”

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/common-core/ells/standards/>

“WIDA: Alignment”

<http://www.wida.us/Research/agenda/Alignment/>

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