

What is my child learning in Kindergarten?

These descriptions do not cover all of the standards (there are too many to list here) but give a general picture as to what the sub-category Domains mean.

English Language Arts has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

→ **Language**

- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of basic rules of spoken and written English
- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing
- ✓ Learn and use new words from reading and class discussions
- ✓ Explore word relationships and meaning of unknown words

→ **Reading: Foundational Skills**

- ✓ Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters
- ✓ Understand language is made up of sounds, syllables, and words
- ✓ Read common words such as *I, you, the, to, and my*
- ✓ Read emergent-reader texts with understanding

→ **Reading: Informational Text (Nonfiction)**

- ✓ Identify main idea, details, and how people, events, or ideas are connected
- ✓ Ask and answer vocabulary questions
- ✓ Compare and contrast texts on the same topic

→ **Reading: Literature (Fiction)**

- ✓ With support can retell familiar stories and identify story elements (who, what, when, where, why and how)
- ✓ Identify story elements (who, what, when, where, why and how)
- ✓ Ask and answer vocabulary questions
- ✓ Recognize different types of text (stories, poems, etc.)
- ✓ Identify author and illustrator and their roles

→ **Speaking and Listening**

- ✓ Participate in conversations through multiple exchanges, on topic, using complete sentences
- ✓ Ask and answer questions to improve learning
- ✓ Clearly expresses thoughts, feelings, and ideas

→ **Writing.**

- ✓ Combine drawing, writing and dictation to create opinion, narrative, and informative texts
- ✓ Tell about events in the order that they occurred
- ✓ Participate in shared research and writing experiences

Mathematics has 5 sub-categories in all grades and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

→ **Counting and Cardinality**

- ✓ Know number names and how to count to 100.
- ✓ Count objects; write numbers 0-20.
- ✓ Compare numbers between 1-10.

→ **Operations and Algebraic Thinking**

- ✓ For any number 1 to 9, find the number that makes 10 when added to the given number by using objects or drawings.
- ✓ Represent addition and subtraction with objects, fingers, mental images, drawings, etc.
- ✓ Fluently add and subtract within 5.

→ **Number and Operations in Base Ten**

- ✓ Work with numbers 11-19 to understand these numbers are composed of tens and ones.

→ **Measurement and Data**

- ✓ Describe and compare measureable attributes.
- ✓ Classify objects and count the number of objects in categories.

→ **Geometry**

- ✓ Identify, describe, and draw shapes (squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres.)

Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, and Health each receive an overall grade plus a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

Music has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

- History and Culture
- Improvising
- Instrumental
- Listen and Analyze
- Reading and Notating
- Singing

PE has 3 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship

- Expressive and Efficient Moving
- Fitness for Lifetime
- Self-Management and Social Behavior

Every school has either a music specialist and/or a PE specialist providing instruction to students.

Many schools have one or the other. The smaller schools may have just one day a week of each class. This means classroom teachers provide instruction when possible in these areas and will most likely not have specific grades for the sub-categories in these specific subjects.

If your child's school does have a music or PE specialist then those teachers are using specific standards to assess their students.

A note from our Music Teachers:

You will see a lot of strands for music on the report card this year. The number of strands assessed throughout the year will depend on your child's frequency of instruction. We are learning a new system and are very excited to show all of the areas we cover throughout the year. You will see: history and culture, improvising, instrumental, listen and analyze, reading and notating, and singing. We, as an elementary music teaching staff, are increasing the rigor of what is being expected in music class.

Students are being assessed on skills in addition to citizenship and effort. We are working toward creating tuneful, beatful and artful music students. Please contact your child's music teacher if you have additional questions.

A note from our Physical Education Teachers:

This year's report card is going to look much differently than years previous. We are learning a new grading system, and are excited to give you a more in depth look at your child as a whole in our realm of Physical Education. The amount of standards graded will depend on how often your child receives PE, and standards being taught will vary between the different grade levels. Your child will also be receiving a citizenship and effort grade aside from their standards based grade.

As an elementary Physical Education staff, we are dedicated to providing high quality instruction, with the goal of giving your child the tools they need to live and value a healthy, active lifestyle. Please contact your child's Physical Education teacher with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.