

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 measurable 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.