

What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten? Reading and Math Success = Student Success Parent Guide #11

When a child enters a kindergarten class for the first time, he or she continues the learning that began at birth. Just like his/her first years of life, in school there are skills like reading and simple math concepts he/she will need to develop before other skills can follow.

As your child's first teacher, you can help ensure your child's success. You can watch his/her progress. You can also support learning at home.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) guides each school in what should be taught for each subject or area. The [list for most subject areas](#) can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_65510---,00.html.

For children beginning to learn English, Michigan adopted [national standards](#) (<https://www.wida.us/standards/eld.aspx>).

What should my child learn in each grade?

Parent resources are available through the National Parent Teacher Association. Their parent guides show what is expected at each grade level in math and English language arts. The [parent guides](#) can be found at <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583&navItemNumber=3363>.

Parents can use guides to:

- Learn what their child should know and be able to do at the end of each school year.
- Ask how this information will be taught in school.
- Talk about their child's progress.
- Look at ways they can support their child's learning.
- Ask for things their child can do at home to support what is being taught in class.

Remember...children grow and learn at different rates. You and your child's teacher will be able to talk about any concerns you have related to your child's learning.

See Parent Guide #12 for other subjects your child will learn in school.