

## How Parents Can Support Student Success

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- ◆ Encourage reading of informational, non-fiction text as well as fiction and literature.
- ◆ Engage in discussions about the text and real world scenarios.
- ◆ Encourage children in the early grades to learn basic math facts.
- ◆ Encourage your child to stick with it whenever a math problem seems difficult.

## Common Core Implementation Timeline for PUSD

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Implementation of the Common Core will occur in stages with full implementation during the 2014-15 school year. For now, California's state standards still apply and are measured with the STAR assessment program. By 2014-15, STAR will be replaced with a new assessment that measures students' attainment of the Common Core Standards. PUSD's transition will take place over a three year period consisting of: year 1 - awareness, year 2 - transition and year 3 - implementation.

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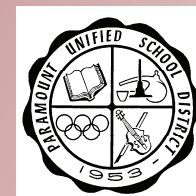
## PUSD Mission Statement

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Our mission is to ensure learning and success for each student by providing a quality education.

## Paramount Unified School District

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## California Common Core Standards



## A Guide for Parents

Educational Services  
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## Instructional Shifts for English and Literacy

- ◆ Evidence-based reading and writing: Reading and writing is grounded in evidence from text. Students learn to cite evidence and factual information.
- ◆ Greater emphasis on informational text: Students build knowledge through non-fiction with emphasis on history and science.
- ◆ Increased text complexity: Students are assigned text that is more demanding.

### Sample English Language Arts Question Grade 7

The following text is from a biography of Harriet Beecher Stowe. She wrote one of the first books against slavery called *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. This part of her biography tells about her older sister Catherine, who had a strong influence on Harriet. Read the text and answer the question that follows.

Catherine was the oldest child of Lyman Beecher and Roxanne Foote, his wife. In a little battered journal found among her papers is a short sketch of her life. It was written when she was seventy-six years of age. In a shaking hand she begins: "I was born at East Hampton, L.I., September 5, 1800, at 5 P.M., in the large parlor opposite father's study. Don't remember much about it myself." The sparkle of wit in this brief notice of the circumstances of her birth is very characteristic. *All through her life, little ripples of fun were continually playing on the surface of that current of intense thought and feeling in which her deep, earnest nature flowed.*

Explain the meaning and purpose of the metaphor in the final sentence of the text. Use details from the text to support your response.

## Common Core Standards: A new set of expectations will help ensure college and career readiness

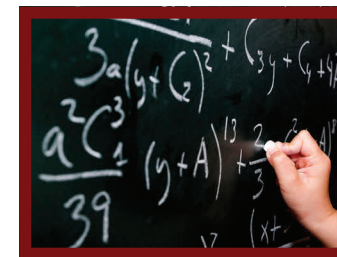
- California has joined a national movement to adopt common standards and assessments for English and mathematics. Adopted in August 2010, the Common Core Standards are rigorous, research-based, and designed to prepare all students for success in college and the workforce.
- The Common Core Standards for English Language Arts are divided into four strands: reading, writing, speaking and listening and language. Literacy standards that focus on reading and writing instruction during history/social studies, science, and technology are also included. These standards strengthened existing California standards.
- In mathematics, there is a stronger emphasis on number sense and algebraic thinking. The Common Core Standards include a focused and coherent set of standards that provide students the opportunity to achieve proficiency in key mathematical topics.

### Learn more about Common Core Standards at these websites

- ◆ [corestandards.org](http://corestandards.org)
- ◆ [pta.org](http://pta.org) - A Parent's Guide to Student Success
- ◆ [cde.org](http://cde.org) - California Department of Education

## Instructional Shifts for Mathematics

- ◆ Focus: Students acquire foundational knowledge and deep conceptual understanding of mathematical skills.
- ◆ Coherence: Major topics are linked across grade levels.
- ◆ Rigor: Students are taught to be fluent in math concepts and apply learning to real-world scenarios.



### Sample Math Question Grade 4

Mr. Torres sold a total of 30 boxes of sports cards at his store on Monday. These boxes contained only baseball cards and football cards.

- Each box contained 25 sports cards.
- He earned \$3 for each sports card he sold.
- He earned a total of \$1134 from the football cards he sold.

What amount of money did Mr. Torres earn from the baseball cards he sold? Use pictures, numbers, and/or words to show how you got your answer.