

Academic Expectations

Information on Academic Standards

Standards Supporting Student Achievement

In ensuring that all Craig students are capable, curious and confident learners who understand and respond to the challenges of an ever-changing world, the educators at Craig Elementary focus our attention on the academic standards set forth by the state of Missouri and our school district to plan for engaging learning experiences.

These standards provide guidance for teaching, learning and assessing our curriculum. They assist our teachers in ensuring that all children are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and respond to the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Missouri is one of forty-five states and the District of Columbia to adopt the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to ensure that students are receiving a consistent, high-quality education from school to school and state to state. The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics grades kindergarten through fifth correspond to the overarching standards that define what all Parkway graduates will understand and be able to do.

A *QUICK* look at the Common Core State Standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable, and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build on strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in a global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

Source: <http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/>