

3 Key Ideas for Parents

About the Common Core

**Thinking Deeply**

The Common Core emphasizes critical thinking. It requires students to analyze more, discuss more, evaluate more, justify more and explain their thinking and understanding at a deeper level, especially in writing.

\****Thinking deeply about content is hard – Let it be hard, but help your child by talking it out.***

**Integrating Learning**

The Common Core emphasizes learning across content areas (reading with math and social studies standards combined into one task). Students spend more time working together with different settings, structures and tools.

***\* Children need to see that problems and solutions happen in real world situations***



**Showing “How They Know”**

The Common Core emphasizes proof and evidence. Students will still need to be fluent in many procedural skills, but the days of ***only*** filling out worksheets and practice book pages are gone. Students will have opportunities to work collaboratively to solve problems and explain their thinking.

***\*The new tests will require students to explain how they got their answer…“how they know”.***