



# Fourth Grade Literacy

Check out the  
**Indiana Literacy  
Framework**  
for guidance on  
literacy standards:  
[www.doc.in.gov/  
literacy/framework](http://www.doc.in.gov/literacy/framework)

The Indiana Department of Education is dedicated to informing and educating families about your child's education since you are your child's first teacher. This guide provides an overview of the literacy skills and Indiana English/Language Arts standards your child will encounter and learn by the end of fourth grade.

## Literacy skills your child will learn in fourth grade:

- > Read and understand new words as they appear in text using roots, affixes, and context clues
- > Independently read a text while working on fluency and comprehension
- > Read a variety of stories, plays, and poems and explain differences

- > Ask and answer questions using evidence from the text and making inferences
- > Paraphrase the main events and identify the theme of a text
- > Participate in class discussions about texts and share opinions

- > Write an informative composition including an introduction, supporting paragraphs with facts, conclusion, and transitions between thoughts and ideas
- > Research on a topic and write to persuade the reader

### Communicate with your child about school by asking:

- >Can you tell me about a text that you read today? What was the main idea?
- >What skills did you learn in reading today? Can you teach me?
- >What did you write about today?
- >Did you feel challenged today or did you need extra help?

### Communicate with the school about your child:

- >Regularly ask or email about your child's academic progress, not just during parent-teacher conferences
- >Check-in on your child's social-emotional status and needs. Ask questions about who they hang out with at recess or sit with at lunch.

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