

Village Charter Academy

Parent Meeting
September 12, 2014

Special Presentation

Second Grade Performs
“John Henry”

A Tall Tales Culmination

VCA Academics

- Core Knowledge
 - Knowledge is built on knowledge
 - Improved reading comprehension
 - Increased critical thinking skills
 - Better problem-solving skills
 - Coherent, cumulative, and content-rich curriculum.

VCA Academics

- Common Core State Standards
 - Clear, Consistent, High Learning Goals
 - Focus on preparing students for college and career readiness

VCA Academics

- Shifts in Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts
 - **Building knowledge** through content-rich nonfiction
 - Reading, writing, and speaking grounded in **evidence in the text**, both literary and informational
 - Regular practice with **complex text**, and its **academic language**

VCA Academics

- How can you help your child in literacy?
 - Ask your child specific questions about what they read.
 - Encourage your child to read, then speak about nonfiction text such as newspapers, magazines, and biographies.
 - Encourage children to research topics of interest, and read stories that relate to a central topic.
 - Have your child follow step by step instructions or a set of directions, such as building a sandcastle and or operating a game.

VCA Academics

- Shifts in Common Core State Standards for Mathematics
 - Focus- A mile deep and an inch wide vs. an inch deep and a mile wide
 - Coherence- **Think** across grade levels and **link** to major topics
 - Rigor- In major topics, pursue **conceptual understanding**, procedural **skill** and fluency, and **application** with equal intensity

VCA Academics

- How can you help your child in mathematics?
 - Help your child practice their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.
 - Encourage children not to give up while solving problems, to build stamina and develop their critical thinking skills. Don't give them the answers-ask them to think of different ways they can solve problems.
 - Have children illustrate the math they were thinking in their head and discuss it out loud.
 - Have children apply their math knowledge to a real-world scenario at home, such as doubling a recipe or calculating the area of a room.

Additional Resources

- Council of the Great City Schools Parent Roadmaps:
- Math
- <http://www.cgcs.org//site/Default.aspx?PageID=244>
- ELA / Literacy
- <http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328>
- National Parent Teachers Association (PTA)
<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>
- Achieve the Core
- www.achievethecore.org
- Common Core State Standards Text Exemplars
- http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf

Grand Opening Share Your School!

- Monday, September 22, from 6-7pm
- Please help us spread the word in the community!

Q&A

Thank you for all your support!