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This is a very exciting time in education. Beginning last year and carrying on this year and beyond you will notice some changes to curriculum, instruction and testing in our school that will directly impact your child. It is essential that you know about these changes and what resources are available to help you support your child. Illinois has adopted the Common Core Standards for learning along with 22 other states. These new standards encourage open-ended thinking and critical problem solving. These are skills that are required in the 21st century workforce and are essential for student success.

Asking your child questions that encourage higher level thinking (such as “Why do you think the author wrote this story? How do you think this made the character feel? How is the character similar or different from you?”) and requiring them to *explain* their thinking will prepare them for success with the new Common Core Standards. The National PTA has developed resources for parents regarding these standards.

You can access the parent resources by clicking here :



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