



Foundations of Learning: Build a Solid Base at K-2

What does it mean to build a solid base for learning?

As students begin their public education, they learn the skills necessary to be successful learners. Some skills are social, and others are academic. Intentionally teaching our early learners essential components for all the learning that is to follow requires a careful consideration of the expectations for early elementary instruction. We use a whole-child approach to build a solid base which includes:

- Nurturing curiosity and encouraging questions; exploration and experience; inciting excitement to increase learner engagement.
- Numbers and number sense; mathematical thinking; logic and reasoning.
- Literacy including reading, writing, speaking, listening, and communicating in a myriad of forms; language development that supports learning any language; critical thinking to evaluate and solve problems.
- Social norms to inform behavior; developing a sense of belonging and a sense of self; understanding the purpose of rules within safe and healthy environments.
- Developing healthy habits; knowing how to advocate for self and for others.

The links to our resources that build a solid base at the early grades are intended to reinforce the importance of the instruction we already do with an increasing awareness of how students will continue this learning throughout their academic experiences.