

Dear Parents,

Recently, more than 40 states in the United States have developed and adopted a common set of academic standards in mathematics. These standards, called the **Common Core State Standards** were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and mathematics and education experts under the auspices of the bipartisan National Governors' Association and the Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

These standards will serve as important benchmarks to ensure that all students are receiving high quality education and are well prepared for success in post-secondary education and the workforce. Students will be assessed on a regular basis throughout their school career to monitor their progress towards meeting these benchmarks.

As individual states have adopted these new standards, they have committed to a shared grade-by-grade sequence of topics to be taught. For many states, this requires a shift in the instructional materials used, to match both the content skills and the mathematical understandings contained in the Common Core State Standards.

Your child's school is using *enVisionMATH® Common Core* edition ©2012 as their math program. This program was specially developed to provide comprehensive coverage of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Take a look through your child's math textbook and you'll notice that each lesson specifically targets one or more of the content standards (shown just below the lesson number).

You'll also notice that many of the exercises in the lessons have a red logo next to them. These exercises highlight opportunities for your child to develop particular mathematical skills and habits of mind that are part of the Common Core State Standards. Called Standards for Mathematical Practices, these standards describe practices and abilities of very good math thinkers. You can help your child develop these abilities by encouraging them to think about the questions found on the back of this letter.

Pearson is committed to providing quality instructional materials that can help all students achieve mastery of the Common Core State Standards and be well prepared for success after high school. We hope that your child has a successful and rewarding year in the study of mathematics!