



**CHARLESTON COUNTY: A COMMUNITY OF READERS  
HOME READING AWARD – PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY  
2011- 2012**

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**STANDARDS FOR READING:**

1. Let your child see you enjoy reading.
2. Read aloud daily (brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, etc.).
3. Borrow books from the school and public libraries.
4. Select books for your child based on his/her interests.
5. Set aside a family reading time when each family member talks about what he/she is reading.
6. Research answers to questions together; look up definitions for new vocabulary words together.
7. Start and maintain a home library of magazines, books, and newspapers.
8. Give books as gifts.

**STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATING:**

9. Let your child see you enjoy listening, speaking, and viewing.
10. Spend time each day talking with and listening to your child.
11. Ask specific questions about your child's day.
12. Play with your child.
13. Read and talk about signs and labels in the home and community.
14. Talk about books read.
15. Listen to stories on audiotape, CD, radio and/or computer.
16. Tell your child stories about you and your family.
17. Respond to your child's questions.
18. Plan activities with your child that provides opportunities for enrichment and discussion.

**STANDARDS FOR WRITING:**

19. Let your child see you enjoy writing.
20. Provide opportunities for your child to draw, scribble and write.
21. Start and maintain a family journal.
22. Encourage your child to write grocery lists, chore lists, and "To Do" lists.
23. Encourage your child to write notes, letters, and stories.
24. Encourage your child to write and draw about books read.

Dear Parents and Students,

Charleston County: A Community of Readers applauds you for your interest in the COR Home Awards Program. The Home Awards Program is a fun and effective way to improve your personal skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as deepen your love and enjoyment of reading! As you incorporate these COR Home Standards into your daily lives, you will also strengthen your relationships with family members and friends and learn more about others and the world around us!

Begin this year by talking with your family about the COR Home Standards and plan how you will incorporate them into your family life. Keep a notebook of how you are addressing the Standards and revisit your notebook every month to see how you are coming along. When it is time to turn in your application in March, it will take no time at all to complete and polish!

The Community of Readers wishes you much success in completing the Home Awards Standards this year. Happy reading to your entire family! Please visit [www.charlestonreaders.org](http://www.charlestonreaders.org) for more information about our organization.

Charleston County: A Community of Readers  
Board of Directors and Coordinating Committee Members

## **Directions for filing an application for the Home Reading Award:**

1. Please completely fill out the cover page which has been provided.
2. Please write one or two sentences about what your family does in the home to achieve at least 20 of the 24 standards. You are encouraged to include examples of your family's efforts, such as writings, drawings, and photos of family members reading and writing together. Use a separate sheet(s) of paper to write about the 20 standards you select or retype the standards and insert your information below each of the 20 standards you select.
3. Return your application to the contact person at your school or mail to:

**Carolyn J. Trammell**  
**Child and Family Development Center**  
**3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.**  
**North Charleston, SC 29405**

[carolyn\\_trammell@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:carolyn_trammell@charleston.k12.sc.us)

**Your application must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012.**  
**NO LATE ENTRIES Please!**

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Information Page**

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Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child (or children) to be printed on the certificate:

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Children:

Name of Children	Age	Grade in School

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary:

Please reflect on your family's experience in completing your Home Award project.

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