

**Have Questions About Common Core?  
Join Us to Learn More!**

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 16, 2014 at 6 PM**

**Where?**

**Alvarado Intermediate School  
Inside the Cafeteria  
1901 S. Desire Ave. Rowland Heights  
(Cross Streets Colima and Desire Ave)  
[www.AlvaradoSchool.org](http://www.AlvaradoSchool.org)**

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 22, 2014 at 6 PM**

**Where?**

**Giano Intermediate School  
Inside the Multipurpose Room  
3223 S. Giano Ave. West Covina  
(Cross Streets Valley and Giano Ave)  
[www.GianoSchool.org](http://www.GianoSchool.org)**



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# 3 KEY IDEAS FOR PARENTS about the Common [CORE]

## Thinking Deeply

The Common Core emphasizes critical thinking. It requires students to analyze more, discuss more, evaluate more, justify more and explain their thinking & understanding deeply, especially in writing. *Take-Away: Really thinking deeply is hard. Let it BE hard, help them talk it out.*

## Integrating Learning

The Common Core emphasizes learning across disciplines (reading with math & social studies standards combined into one task). Students spend more time working together with different settings, structures & tools. *Take-Away: Problems & solutions happen everyday in the real world.*

## Showing How They Know

The Common Core emphasizes proof & evidence. Long gone are the days of worksheets, fact memorizations and skill & drill. Students are not taught this way and they are not assessed this way. *Take-away: The new tests will require students to explain how they know.*

## Supporting the Common Core at Home...

**Ask \*Why\*?... Encourage questions & explore answers (especially answers that are not yes or no)... Explain & discuss issues in your house/community... Brainstorm solutions... Look for patterns... Describe & categorize stuff... Tell your children what you value & why...**

**Encourage & celebrate opinions!**

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**For videos and more, visit the Common Core Parent Toolbox on your school website!**