

How is Reading and Writing Taught Today?

How Can I Support My Child to Become a Lifelong Reader and Writer?

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Agenda

- What is involved in the process of learning how to read and write?
- How do teachers teach reading and writing?
- How can you help your child improve as a reader and writer?
- Parent Resources
- Questions & Answers

What is involved in the process of learning to read?

Learning to read involves:

Word Recognition

- **Alphabetic principle:**
words are made up of letters, these letters represent sounds
- **Phonemic Awareness:**
the ability to hear and manipulate the different sounds in words
- **Phonics:**
an instructional method that involves matching letters to their sounds to decode words



Language Comprehension

- Inferencing
- Background knowledge
- Text structure
- Vocabulary



Reading Comprehension

Pelham's curriculum is grounded in research

What is involved in the process of learning to write?

- Generate Ideas
- Oral Rehearsal, Sketch (Plan)
- Draft - Revise - Edit
- Publish & Celebrate!



How do teachers teach reading and writing?

Reading and Writing Workshops

GOALS:

- Create confident, engaged, lifelong readers and writers
- Focus on literacy strategies, differentiated for each learner, and guided by student data
- Engage in units of study aligned to the Next Gen ELA Standards
- Build endurance, volume in a variety of genres
- Provide Frequent feedback
- Work with partners and self-assess

ELEMENTS OF WORKSHOP:

- **Mini Lesson:** direct, whole class instruction with a focus on skills /strategies modeled by the teacher
- **Work Time/Conferring:** students practice strategy/skill from the mini lesson while the teacher works with individuals or small groups
- **Wrap Up/Share:** students reflect/share learning with partners or as a group



ADDITIONAL LITERACY ACTIVITIES:

- Word Study
- Read Aloud
- Shared and Interactive Reading/Writing

Examples of Lesson Resources:

1. Writing: Third grade nonfiction writing

- Chart: [Elaborate Like a Pro, Study Mentor Texts As You Go!](#)
- [Informational Illustrated Writing Checklist](#)

2. Reading: Fifth grade fiction reading

- Chart: [Drawing on All You Know to Read Well, & Interpret Texts](#)
- [Learning Progression](#)

How can you help your child improve as a reader?

Routines to Support Problem Solving Words:

1. Practice patience
2. Touch the text
3. Look before you leap
4. Make the leap
5. Reread to cross-check
6. Take a closer look



Why can't I skip my reading homework tonight?

Student A	Student B	Student C
Reads 20 minutes per day	Reads 5 minutes per day	Reads 1 minute per day
3600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
10 whole school days of reading	2 whole school days of reading	
By the end of 6 th grade-60 whole school days of reading	By the end of 6 th grade-12 whole school days reading	

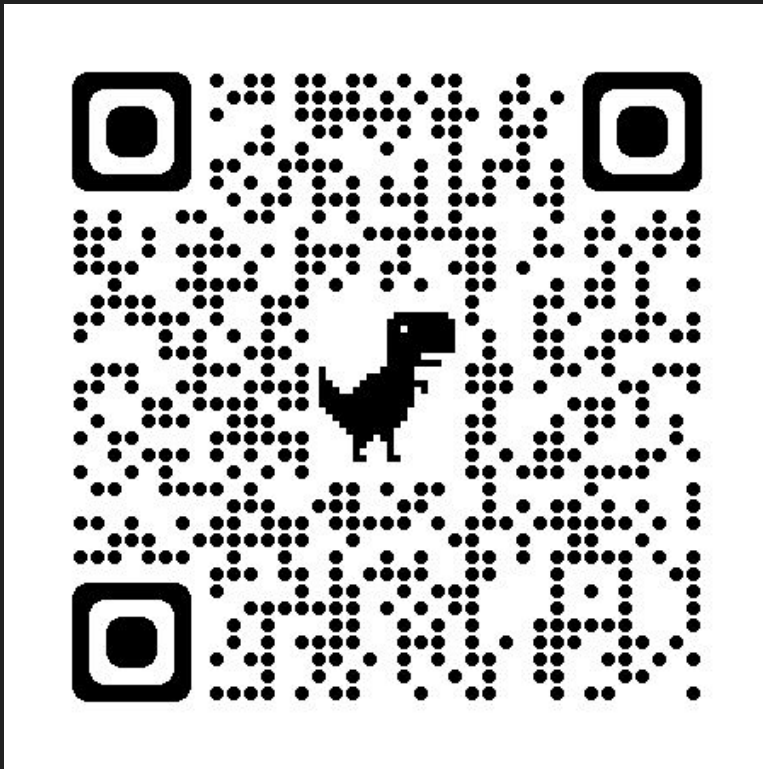
How can you help your child improve as a writer?

- Let your child see you write!
- Invite them to tell you what they want to write (oral rehearsal.)
- Ask them to read to you what they wrote and celebrate what they did do!
- If providing feedback, it should be ONLY ONE specific tip and something that can help them repeatedly.
- Encourage them to use the tools/strategies they are learning in school.

Parent Resources

- District website:
 - **TEACHING & LEARNING > Academic Program K-12 > K-5 Program**
- The Pelham Library
- Suggestions from your child's teacher
- Literacy Staff Developer K-5: Kate Alix
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Additional Parent Resources

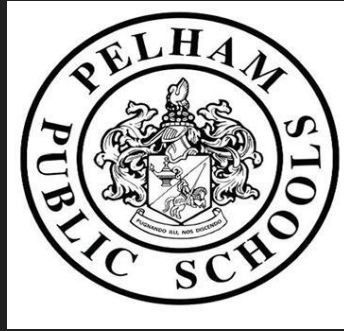


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Handouts: Two Articles from *Reading Rockets*

1. [Simple Yet Powerful Things To Do While Reading Aloud](#)
2. [Building Your Child's Vocabulary](#)



Thank you for attending!

Questions & Answers