

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## K-6th Primary Newsletter

### Greetings from the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Office!

This newsletter is to share important information and keep you informed. Our department will send a newsletter each semester but we also welcome questions at any time. Curriculum & Instruction wishes your family the best as we move toward the winter holiday season!

We have been busy training teachers, developing curriculum, and working collaboratively to address student needs. The past two school years of disrupted learning continue to impact students. We are focused on increased support in reading and math at all grade levels. In this newsletter, you will learn about some of our initiatives to support teachers and students.

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## K-3 Literacy

When teachers returned to school in the fall, they extended their understanding of the Science of Reading philosophy to learn a highly-effective multisensory approach to teaching phonics techniques for remedial reading instruction. This specialized ongoing (Orton Gillingham) training has required the kindergarten, 1st grade, intervention specialists, and English learning teachers to meet one full day per month to truly understand the methodologies that should be implemented in the classroom. It has helped them reflect and understand the essential processes for reading proficiency.



## 4-6 Curriculum

Sixth-grade students across the district are working on a Service Project challenging students to leave their legacy at their elementary school. Students design, select locations and advertise a free library to be installed at their elementary school. A special thanks to The Dollar Bookswap for the book donations, SOI Carpentry for building the designs, and sixth-grade staff members for overseeing the projects.

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### Parent Tips

Scan the QR Code for the following resources:

- Letter Sound Song
- Math Activities for Home
- Heggerty Videos



### Teacher Learning

Investing in yourself as an educator is the best way to ensure your student's career and academic growth. The late start Wednesdays has allowed teachers to increase their expertise in the field and, as a result, build confidence in their work. This school year, the teachers have acquired new delivery methods, evaluation styles, and record-keeping strategies.

### 4-6 Curriculum

Each year, school buildings participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee Program. After competing in spelling bees, class champions and runner-ups participate in a building competition. Each building winner will have the opportunity to take a regional qualifier in February. Students will attend the SNSB Michigan and Ohio Regional event on March 11, 2023. Thanks to the Ohio Lottery and Huber Heights Athletic Foundation for funding participation.

### Assessment Corner

3rd Grade Testing Update:

The Ohio Department of Education requires that every 3rd-grade student take a fall reading test per state law (Third-Grade Reading Guarantee). The goal of the "Guarantee" is to ensure that all children are reading on grade level by the end of third grade. This is the first opportunity to demonstrate reading proficiency, and there will be other opportunities in January, May, and June in addition to the spring testing for students to pass the ELA test. Further details will be communicated about the results in January.

Spring Ohio State Tests in 3rd-6th grades will begin for our district starting March 27th-April 24th for English Language Arts (ELA) and April 24th-May 12th for math and science. Grade-level testing schedules will be published in late January or early February.



Wright Brothers  
Spelling Squad



Spelling Bee Champion  
Timara Archie  
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