

# Indian River School District



## Core Knowledge Language Arts-CKLA

Information for Parents, Families, Caregivers

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# Core Knowledge Language Arts...(CKLA)

- CKLA is a comprehensive language arts curriculum program for students in Pre-K through grade 5th Grade.
- CKLA teaches skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking and also builds students' knowledge and vocabulary in literature, history, geography, and science.

## Examples of Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Knowledge Units

<b>Pre-Kindergarten:</b> Classic Tales, Important People in American History, All About Me, Families and Communities	<b>3rd Grade:</b> Classic Tales, The Ancient Roman Civilization, Light and Sound, The Viking Age
<b>Kindergarten:</b> Nursery Rhymes, Farms, Native Americans, Kings and Queens	<b>4th Grade:</b> Personal Narratives, Empires in the Middle Ages, Eureka! Student Inventor, Geology
<b>1st Grade:</b> Fables and Stories, The Human Body, Astronomy, Early World Civilizations	<b>5th Grade:</b> Early American Civilizations, Poetry, Adventures of Don Quixote, The Renaissance
<b>2nd Grade:</b> Fairy Tales and Tall Tales, Greek Myths, Cycles in Nature, Westward Expansion	

# CKLA is Built on the Science of Reading

## Language Comprehension

Background Knowledge

Vocabulary

Language Structures

Verbal Reasoning

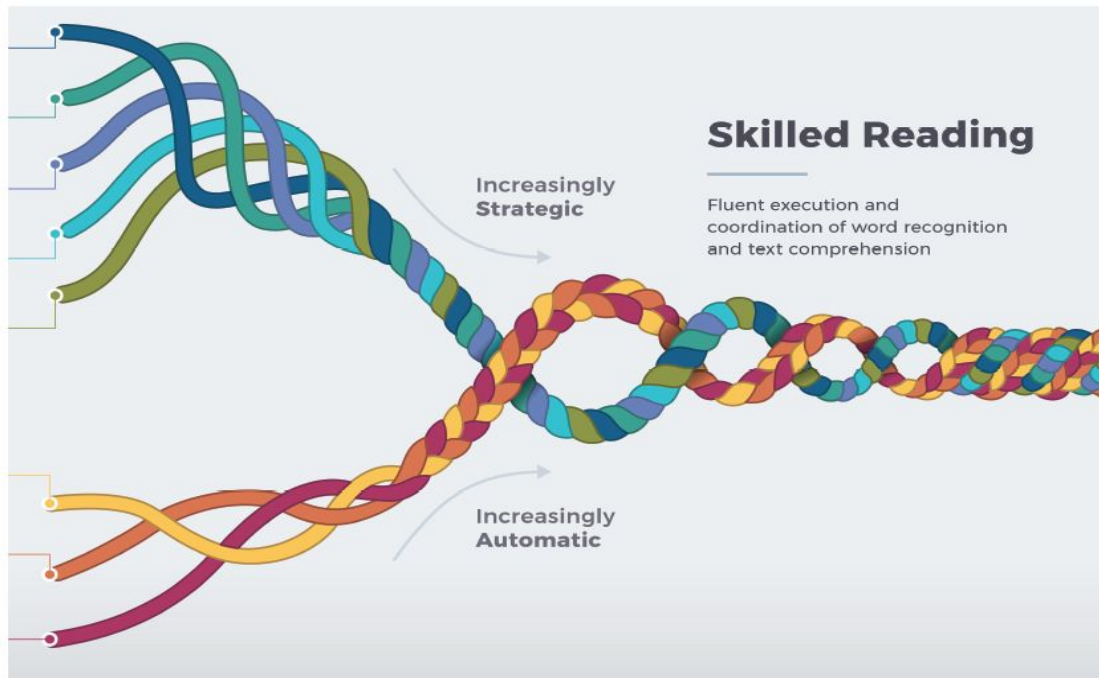
Literacy Knowledge

## Word Recognition

Phonological Awareness

Decoding

Sight Recognition



# Science of Reading in Instruction: Structured Literacy

## WHAT WE TEACH

The National Reading Panel identified these five key areas as critical for effective reading instruction.

- **Phonemic Awareness**
- **Phonics**
- **Fluency**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Comprehension**

## HOW WE TEACH

Structured Literacy instruction includes these effective practices for teaching reading.

- **Explicit Instruction**
- **Systematic and cumulative**
- **Differentiated**
- **Multiple opportunities for Practice and Feedback**
- **Effective Instructional Strategies**

# What to Expect in Kindergarten-2nd Grade

## Skills Units

- Systematic Phonics instruction
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Phonological Awareness
  - Phonics
  - Spelling
  - Vocabulary
  - Comprehension
  - Writing

## Knowledge Domain

- ELA standards addressed through rich social studies, science, and literature content areas
  - Speaking and Listening
  - Vocabulary
  - Fluency
  - Text Analysis and Comprehension
  - Writing

It is important to note that in grades K-2, Unit assessments, are heavily grounded in listening comprehension and monitor students' progress in building vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension, grammar, mechanics, and more.

# What to Expect in 3rd Grade-5th Grade

## Integrated Foundational Skill and Language Comprehension instruction

### Foundational Skills:

- Decoding
- Encoding (Spelling)
- Word Study
- Grammar
- Vocabulary

### Language Comprehension:

- Speaking and Listening
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Text Analysis and Comprehension
- Writing

# How can you support at home?

- Review the Unit-based Parent Letters that are sent home with your child at the start of a new unit
- Read aloud with your child
- Review any “take-home” materials that will be sent home with your child throughout the course of a unit
- Ask your child questions about what they are learning
  - Some of the “take-home” materials that will be coming home with your child will have questions you can ask them!
- When you have a question, reach out to your child’s teacher

# Resources...

- **Visit [irsd.net](http://irsd.net) to learn more about CKLA**
  - Click on Students and Families
    - Then click on Elementary Curriculum Information