



PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

EARLY LITERACY IN PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Building Strong Readers

Early reading is crucial to overall academic success. In Plain Local, we are committed to ensuring that every child exceeds grade-level expectations for reading. Strong literacy skills open the door to academic success K - 12 and beyond!

We begin in Kindergarten by teaching letter-sound knowledge, then move to reading smaller words then more complex words, and eventually whole texts. Students are exposed to rich language through our Wit & Wisdom reading curriculum. They build reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills from the very start.

What is Structured Literacy?

All Plain Local teachers are trained in Structured Literacy. Structured Literacy is a way to teach students to read. It follows a specific order to teach reading, from simple to more complex skills, based on how we know people's brains work. It is also very direct. Teachers focus on the exact skills that students need to know to go from speech to printed words.

We use the Structured Literacy curricula "Foundations" and "Hegerty". It is hands-on learning. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are often paired with one another to support a student's learning. Structured Literacy is based on hundreds of thousands of research studies. This body of knowledge is called the Science of Reading.

Growing All Readers

We want every child to excel, including our strongest readers. If your child is reading at or above grade level, their teacher will provide them with challenging books and activities to ensure that they continue on an accelerated path.

Support At School

In addition to our highly trained classroom teachers, every elementary building has a Literacy Intervention Team. Your child may receive additional help from the Literacy Specialist, Intervention Specialist, or Title Teacher to make sure they stay on track. These teachers may work with your child an additional 30 - 45 minutes a day until they are reaching grade-level standards.

Our Literacy Teams are very knowledgeable! Please reach out if you would like more ideas on how to help your child



Plain Local's love for literacy is demonstrated in the way every teacher considers themselves a literacy teacher. A top priority of teachers is ensuring all students not only learn to read, but also grow a love for reading. The focus and support provided by the district's curriculum team to provide quality professional development to promote literacy leaders within all staff, sets Plain Local apart. Our teachers and staff are committed to literacy for all!

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