Letter to Parents About Amplify

Dear families,

Vision: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program provides a TEKS-aligned language arts curriculum in English and Spanish designed to support Texas learners in the classroom, at home, or wherever learning takes place.

Every child deserves access to knowledge: knowledge that sparks curiosity and wonder and enables all children to discover the world. Amplify Texas builds knowledge and vocabulary by integrating the teaching of foundational skills and background knowledge. Research shows that building these skills at an early age is critical for success in later grades.

How it works: Our approach to building background knowledge is based on three pillars: content specific materials support the development of knowledge in history, science, literature, culture, and the arts; cumulative topics and vocabulary connect within and across grades, allowing students to extend knowledge and revisit topics in more depth in later grades; and coherent, intentional design ensures the curriculum fits together as a whole.

We offer resources that focus on English foundational reading skills for K-2 students. The skills program is research-based to get real results. Learning how to read with Amplify Texas is explicit, with all 44 sounds and their 150 spellings in the English language taught, practiced, and mastered, with ample opportunity to encounter each sound/spelling in diverse settings; sequential, moving in a sequence from easier to more complex in phonics and foundational reading skills, students master concepts before moving forward and gradually become more independent; and fun, practicing with decodable chapter books that feature dynamic plots and characters, making kids want to read more.

We are thrilled to provide this K-5 English and Spanish literacy program, which we feel will make good on our promise to students in Texas and provide a high-quality academic experience for educators, families, and children.