



# Bellevue Elementary

Bellevue City School District, Bellevue Ohio

February 2026

Dear Families,

Last month we shared that oral language is the foundation of literacy. **Phonics alone—is not enough.** Reading comprehension is based on more than recognizing words on a page. Strong oral language skills help children understand what they read by strengthening vocabulary, background knowledge, and the ability to process complex sentence structures. **Without these skills, children may read fluently but fail to grasp the meaning behind the words.** As you read our One School, One Book with your child you could ask:

- "Have you heard this word before? What do you think it means?"
- "What do you think makes the character feel this way?" "How would you feel if you were the character in this story?"
- "Can you predict what might happen next?"

Effective literacy instruction must integrate phonics with opportunities for students to develop oral language through discussion, storytelling, and interactive learning experiences. (See the diagram on the back that displays how these skills weave together to make strong readers.)

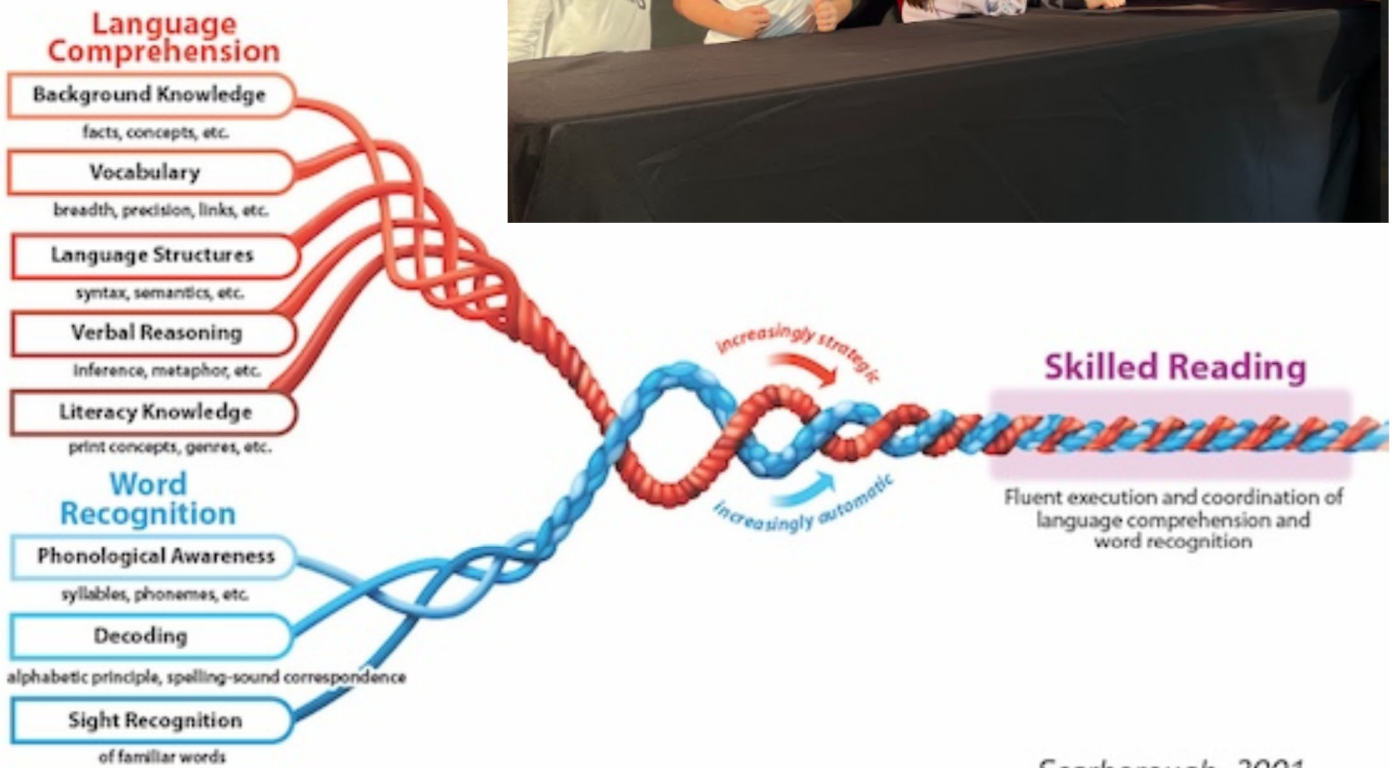
With Children at Heart,  
Mrs. Turner, Principal

## A Look Ahead

- Feb. 5—BES 4th grade Music Program  
Team Weilnau 6:00 p.m.  
Rogers, Brown, Widman  
Team Mira 7:15 p.m.  
Cochey, Stiles, Higgins
- Feb. 5 - OSOB Dress up day  
Team Cat or Team Dog
- Feb. 11—PTO 6 pm
- Feb 12, 19, 26th —Parent Café at  
Jungle Junction 5:30
- Feb. 12 - OSOB Dress up day  
Stuffed Animal or Animal Print
- Feb. 16—No School (Pres. Day)
- February 17-20 Mobile Dentist
- Feb. 18 - OSOB Dress up day  
Sports and Sparkles
- Feb. 20 Fundraiser Kickoff
- Feb. 25 - OSOB Family Night 6-7:30**
- Feb. 26 - OSOB Dress up day  
Career Day
- Feb. 26—Spring Picture Day (Be sure to send a note if your child needs to change out of Career Day clothes for Spring Pictures)



# One School, One Book



Scarborough, 2001