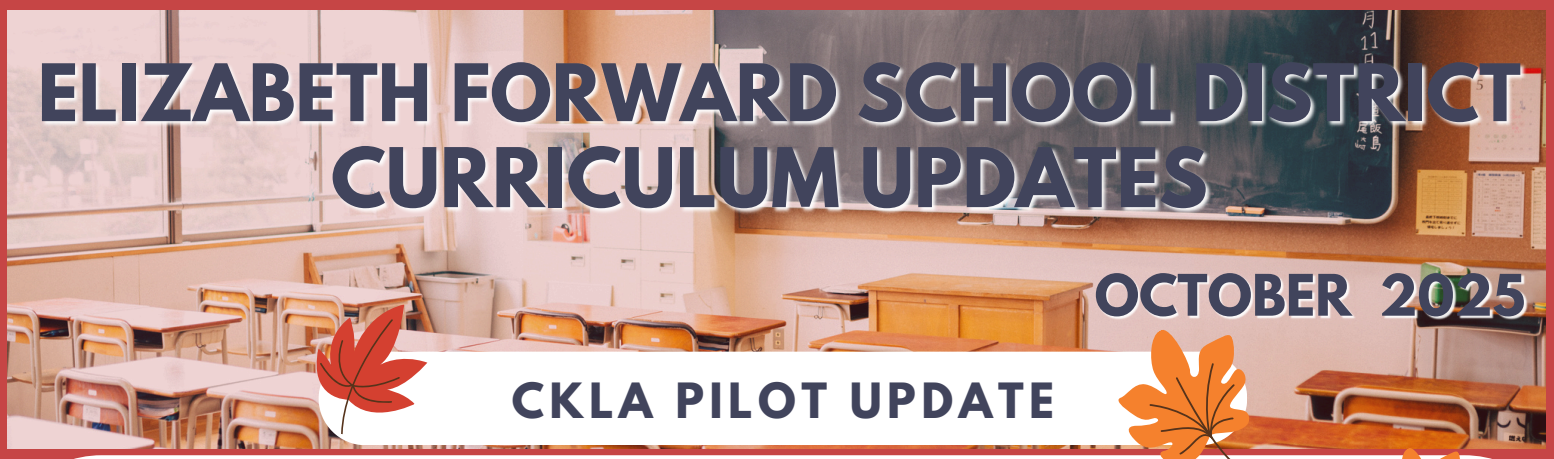


ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM UPDATES

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CKLA PILOT UPDATE

Ways you can help at home

- **Encourage all reading: Let your child choose books, magazines, or articles on topics they enjoy.**
- **Read together: Continue reading aloud with your child to build listening and comprehension skills.**
- **Talk about what you read: Discuss stories, characters, and new ideas to deepen understanding and build vocabulary.**
    - **Explore unfamiliar words together and use them in daily conversation.**
- **Practice listening skills: Enjoy audiobooks or videos: listening supports comprehension, especially with challenging texts.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our K-5 students have really started digging into the new CKLA stories this month! These lessons are designed to help students read, think, and write at deeper levels as they engage with rich, on-grade-level texts. It's important to remember that students are not expected to have perfect scores on grade-level assessments at this point in the year. This is their first "at bat" with these more rigorous standards and materials, and CKLA intentionally challenges students with on-grade-level content to help them grow. CKLA assessments are completed online, allowing teachers to see in real time how each student performs on individual questions. While the assessment itself cannot currently be printed, teachers can print a copy of the test and indicate which questions were answered incorrectly to share with families. This helps parents and students review together and understand where continued practice is needed. As the year continues, you'll see steady growth through spiraling and repeated exposure to key skills and concepts. Each new unit builds on the last, helping students strengthen their reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The goal is for students to master grade-level content by the end of the year, not at the beginning. CKLA raises the bar for all learners, aligning with the Science of Reading and proven strategies that support strong literacy development.

Thank you for encouraging your child to keep trying, keep reading, and keep growing—because growth happens with every lesson!

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Many parents are asking, "How can I help my child at home?" Here are a few simple ways to stay connected and support their learning:

Grades K-2

Use the QR code to access the Read-Aloud videos for each unit. A read-aloud is when an adult reads a story out loud—modeling fluency, expression, and vocabulary. Listening to these stories helps children build background knowledge and hear the rhythm and structure of language.

You can help by:

- Watching or listening to the read-alouds together.
- Talking about what happened in the story and what your child found interesting.
- Encouraging your child to retell the story or share a favorite part.

Grades 3-5

You can view what your child is reading directly through the Amplify app on your childs iPad. Explore the stories and discuss the themes, characters, or lessons they are learning. Talking about reading builds comprehension and keeps students motivated to think deeply about what they read.

READ ALOUD RESOURCE LINK

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