ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM UPDATES

MARCH 2026

CKLA PILOT UPDATE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In February, we hosted an ELA Curriculum Night to share information with families about our ongoing CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) pilot. The evening provided an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about the instructional practices and resources being used in our classrooms.

During the event, families heard presentations from the Director of Digital Teaching and Learning, Mrs. DeMarco, Reading Coach, Mrs. Nill, Writing Coach, Mrs. Grimm, MTSS Specialist, Mrs. Hasis, and myself, who explained how literacy instruction is supported across our district. We also shared how the district MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) process helps ensure that all students receive the instruction and support they need to grow as readers and writers.

In addition, an update on the Pennsylvania Structured Literacy mandate was shared the next steps in our ELA curriculum adoption process. This includes strengthening our use of assessments to better understand student needs and guide instruction.

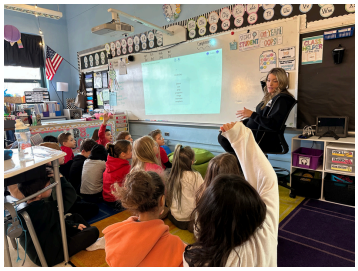
Winter Reading Benchmark Update

Across our four elementary schools, the winter STAR reading benchmark results show that approximately 78% of students are projected to meet or exceed the state reading benchmark, reflecting strong growth since the fall screening window. Many students demonstrated significant progress, particularly in the early elementary grades where foundational reading skills are a major focus. We will continue to support all students through strong core instruction and our MTSS process to ensure every learner continues to grow as a confident and capable reader.

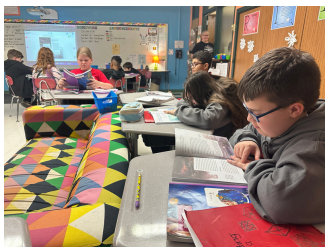
Thank you for your partnership and ongoing support as we work to provide the very best literacy learning opportunities for your children. Please do not hesitate reach out with any questions.

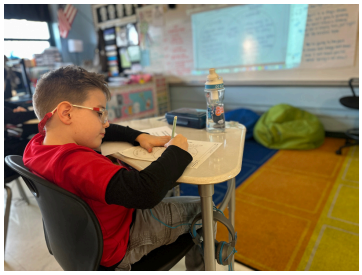
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The QR code provides you with quick access to the updated CKLA Read Aloud Videos. It is an easy way to stay connected to what your child is learning in school and to provide additional support at home.



CKLA Lesson
Mrs. Loucks Classroom
2nd Grade
Greenock Elementary





Mrs. Vogel's Classroom
5th Grade
Mt. Vernon Elementary