

ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM UPDATES

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CKLA PILOT UPDATE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school year is off to a great start, and our pilot teachers are beginning their first unit with the CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) program. In Kindergarten through Grade 2, students will be building strong reading foundations by combining skills from the 95% Core Phonics Program with the knowledge-building lessons from CKLA. In Grades 3-5, students will experience these two components braided together into one seamless program.

As part of this pilot, you may notice that grading in pilot classrooms will look different from classrooms not using CKLA. This is because we are exploring grading approaches that make the most sense for the new materials and best reflect student learning. Please know that the CKLA program is fully aligned to Pennsylvania's grade-level standards, and teachers will be assessing student progress using a variety of methods, including formative assessments, summative assessments, classwork, and other measures of growth.

We are excited to see how these resources support our students' growth in reading, writing, and critical thinking, and we look forward to sharing updates with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the very best learning opportunities for your children.

Dr. Mary Carole Perry
Assistant Superintendent

The QR code provides you with quick access to helpful information about the CKLA program, including an overview of the classroom materials, suggestions for simple ways to support learning at home, and links to the CKLA Hub for extra practice and activities.

It's an easy way to stay connected to what your child is learning in school and to provide additional support at home.



CKLA RESOURCE LINK