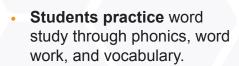


We are committed to excellence in literacy by promoting reading, writing, and speaking/listening. Students will engage in literary experiences that include exposure to high quality texts, rigorous and personalized instruction, and activities to foster critical thinking and relevant learning. A balanced approach between core knowledge and skills, reading, writing, speaking and listening allows students to engage in all areas of learning and ultimately develop independence in their abilities.

Practices

- **Embedded** Students engage in meaningful and challenging learning activities that address their unique characteristics and needs.
 - Students engage in learning experiences that foster communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.
 - Students leverage a variety of digital and print resources to learn content and demonstrate what they know.

Knowledge



- Students learn to read in K-2 through explicit instruction.
- Students read to learn in grades 3-5.
- Students build their literacy knowledge in grades 6-12.

Reading

- Students read, comprehend, and analyze on or above grade level texts.
- Students engage with complex texts in multiple genres and a variety of formats to build and foster independent reading.
- Students use reference materials to answer questions or solve problems.
- **Students acquire** grade level vocabulary and build reading fluency.

- Students write for varied purposes in multiple genres using a variety of formats.
- Students write in response to texts.
- **Students use** research to produce writing that answers questions or solves problems.
- Students communicate in writing using appropriate grade level vocabulary, language conventions, and textual evidence to support ideas.

Speaking & Listening

- Students engage in academic conversations around relevant topics.
- Students contribute in discussions, using evidence from a text to support claims and ideas.
- Students use appropriate grade level vocabulary, grammar, spelling and language in dialogue and presentations.