

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce the adoption of our new literacy program called Amplify/CKLA, aligned with the latest research in the Science of Reading. Amplify/CKLA emphasizes the importance of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. By focusing on these key components, we aim to build a strong foundation for lifelong reading success.

This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to provide the highest quality education and support for every student. CKLA stands for "core knowledge" and "language arts." Amplify/CKLA is in line with our commitment to inclusivity and as such we are moving to a full inclusion model for literacy. This means that students of all abilities will learn together in the same classroom, with the necessary support, and differentiated instruction to meet each child's unique needs. We believe that this model not only promotes academic success but fosters a supportive and diverse learning community. Our decision to adopt this curriculum is driven by our dedication to ensuring that *every* student has the opportunity to develop proficient reading skills. Research shows that a structured, systematic approach to reading instruction benefits all students, especially those who struggle with traditional methods.

What to Expect

- 1. **Enhanced Instruction:** Teachers will use evidence-based practices to deliver reading instruction that is explicit, systematic, and engaging.
- 2. **Differentiated Learning:** Each student will receive personalized support to ensure they are progressing at their own pace.
- 3. **Regular Assessments:** Frequent assessments will help us monitor each student's progress and adjust instruction as needed.
- 4. **Professional Development:** Our teachers are receiving ongoing training to effectively implement this new curriculum and inclusion model.

How You Can Support Your Child

- **Read Together:** Spend time reading with your child daily. Discuss the stories and ask questions to enhance comprehension.
- **Communicate:** Stay in touch with your child's teacher about their progress and any concerns you might have.
- Encourage: Foster a love of reading by providing access to a variety of books at home.

We are confident that this new curriculum and inclusive approach will provide a richer, more supportive learning environment for all students. Your partnership is crucial to our success, and we look forward to working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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