



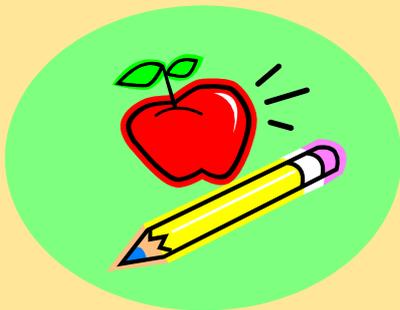
Langdon School
Doing Life Together !

Literacy in the Elementary Years

Importance of Literacy

Literacy used to mean reading and writing. With the digital age, it means those skills and so much more! Children read on their iPad, computer, or cell phones. They scan SnapChat and Instagram several times a day. The skills needed for literacies are varied. Part of our goal is to support this development.

Rocky View Schools created a Literacy Framework to guide our work in schools : https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/assets/archive/learning/teaching/literacy_numeracy/rvs-k-12-literacy-and-numeracy-framework-v.1/view



School Programming

Literacy learning occurs all day, every day in the early years. As a school, we run common literacy blocks in grades 1 – 4. During this time, classroom teachers, learning support teachers and assistants work with smaller groups of students on different reading levels, building skills from the level at which the students are working. This started last year and we are seeing positive results! Not only are we able to help students who struggle but we can extend for students who are reading above their current grade levels.

Everyday Supports

LIPs. A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. When we teach reading, we teach children which letters represent the sounds. Through LIPs programming, students get extra instruction on connecting oral-motor, visual and auditory feedback to identify, number and order phonemes. Once they get this, they use the skill to read, spell and write. This instruction happens in small groups.

LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention). This programming is offered in small groups during the literacy blocks. Teachers guide students through intensive reading sessions and lessons using books at the 'just right reading level'. Students experience success in reading, increasing confidence.

Children may need extra support from time to time. Classroom and learning support teachers monitor each child's progress. If there is a stumbling block, an intervention cycle might be started. In this cycle, a teacher or learning assistant works one on one or in small groups to target specific skills. This support is part of how we develop readers and writers.

Literacy at Home

Parents often ask, 'What can I do to help my child?' Literacy can be fun and easy !

1. Read at home for 10-20 minutes each day. Your child can read to you while you prepare dinner, make lunches, drive to sports.
2. Play alphabet eye-spy while you are driving
3. Play rhyming games
4. Sing silly songs
5. Hunt for letters in the grocery store