

# RES Literacy

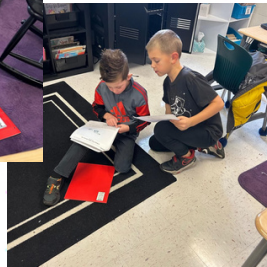
## NEWSLETTER

### Classroom Spotlights



Kindergartners in Mrs. Britton's class identify fragments and sentences with an oral language lesson and pretend phones.

2nd graders in Mrs. Bathrick's class build fluency skills using a research-based partner routine called Paragraph Shrinking.



Mrs. Crawford's preschoolers work on separating the sounds in CVC words with fun movement activities!



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### What is the Acadience Reading Assessment?

Acadience Reading Assessments are given three times a year (fall, winter, spring) to all students in grades K-5. The Acadience assessments include measures that help teachers determine how students are performing on foundational reading skills. Acadience tests are "indicators" of the student's overall reading proficiency. They are similar to using a thermometer to take your child's temperature, which provides a quick indicator of your child's general health. The Acadience assessments help teachers provide high-quality instruction to all students, and interventions for students who may need extra support.

### Practice phonics at home with Reading Buddies!

Reading Buddies is a television series, based on the science of reading, that teaches word reading skills such as phonological awareness, letter names/sounds, and decoding words.

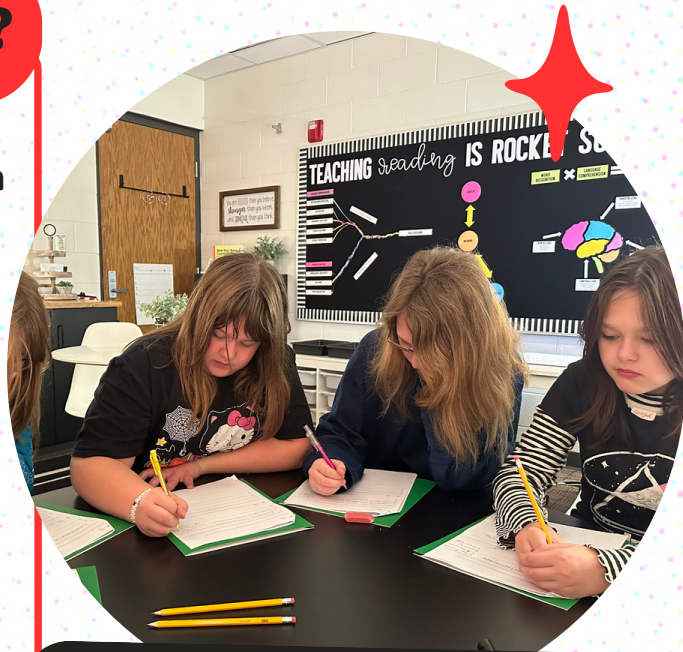


Visit the Reading Buddies YouTube Channel by scanning the QR Code

## How is writing taught at RES?

We use an approach called The Writing Revolution. Just as we teach phonics skills in a systematic way, The Writing Revolution uses an explicit set of sequenced skills to help all students become proficient writers. The sentence is the building block and foundation of writing, so all students spend time learning and practicing how to write complete and thoughtful sentences as they move toward complex skills such as paragraphs and essays.

Students always write about what they are learning about. You will see your student writing about what they read, social studies and science concepts, vocabulary words from their Wonders stories, and even math! We are proud of the hard work our students and teachers are doing with The Writing Revolution!



A group of 5th graders work on an essay for a county writing contest using The Writing Revolution.

### Storytime with Mrs. Wagers

Scan the QR code below to listen to a New Year's Eve story with your child!



### HOME CONNECTION: HOW CAN I HELP MY STUDENT UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY READ?

- Look up pictures together about the topic to help build background knowledge.
- Read one paragraph or page at a time together, stopping to talk about what you read and learned so far.
- Ask your child to retell each page or paragraph. If they can't remember, have your child reread and try again.
- Discuss vocabulary words they may not understand. Even small or short words often need taught. Use the words in sentences and give examples to help your child understand what the word means.

Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.