

RES Literacy

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back To School!

Welcome back to school! My name is Christina Wagers, and I am the PreK-5th Grade literacy coach for RES and RELC. My role is to support teachers, students, families, and our community with literacy initiatives, resources, and best-practices for reading and writing instruction. Throughout the year, your child may see me in his or her classroom for lessons, support, and small group instruction. I will also be sharing helpful tips, resources, and home-to-school connections through newsletters and our school website. If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at ritt_cwagers@tccsa.net. I am always happy to help! Happy Reading, Mrs. Wagers

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What is the science of reading?

This year, you may hear about the science of reading, and the wonderful science of reading-aligned practices that are happening in your child's classroom! The science of reading refers to a large body of research that has been conducted for over two decades by cognitive scientists and reading experts. This research has shown us how the brain learns to read, as well as the best methods and ways to teach reading to children. At RES, all of our teachers have expertise, training, and professional development in the science of reading. In every classroom, our students are taught using best-practices for reading and writing. We are so proud of our RES and RELC teachers!

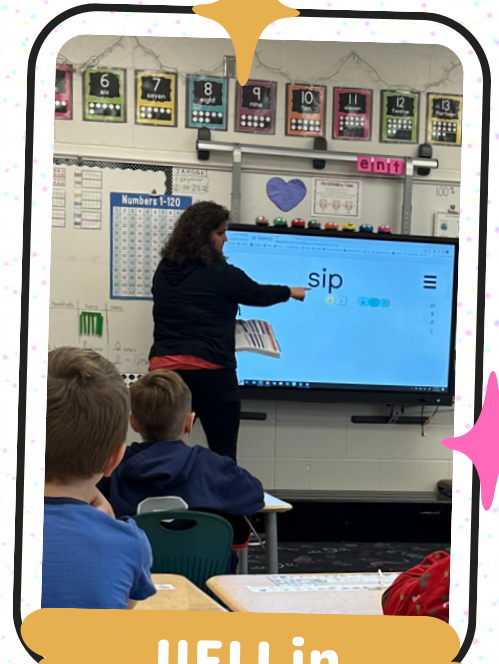


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Curriculum in the Classroom

We are so excited about the curriculum programs and reading lessons your child will receive this year. In PreK through second grade classrooms, your student may talk about UFLI (pronounced you-fly). UFLI is an explicit, systematic phonemic awareness and phonics program. Students receive a daily, 30 minute UFLI lesson that is carefully designed to teach students the foundational reading skills needed to become proficient readers. UFLI is an evidence-based program that follows the science of reading.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will also receive daily lessons using a program called Wonders. Our Wonders lessons use research-based instruction to develop students' language comprehension skills, background knowledge, and vocabulary development.



UFLI in action!

Storytime with Mrs. Wagers

Scan the QR code below to listen to a story with your child!



HOME CONNECTIONS: WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME?

- Talk to your child- a lot! Oral language is the foundation for all literacy skills. Talking to your child every day is one of the most important things you can do to set them up for success.
- Read to your child. Even older students benefit greatly when you read to them. Reading aloud to your child helps to develop listening comprehension skills, language skills, and vocabulary.
- Use new and interesting vocabulary words whenever possible. For example, instead of saying, "It's time to clean up," say "It's time to tidy up."

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