



LITERACY MATTERS

Issue 4

TEACHING BLENDING IN KINDERGARTEN

At this point in the school year, kindergarten students should receive phonics instruction in blending the sounds in closed syllables (CVC words). The Teaching Blending lessons from 95% are an effective method for teaching this skill. All schools have access to these materials. [Click here for more information.](#) Blending is one of three expected outcomes for kindergarteners by the end of the year:



1. Know letter names and sounds to automaticity.
2. Segment words with 5 phonemes.
3. Blend CVC words with automaticity.

GRADES 4-6 LEXIA LICENSES REMINDER

The Lexia grant is for students in grades K-3 this year. The grant is very specific; We cannot place students in grades 4-6 on Lexia through the grant, even if there are extra school licenses. At year's end, USBE will work with Lexia to determine how many licenses were used at each school. If a school chooses to place students in grades 4-6 on Lexia, they will need to purchase additional licenses for those students. For help with purchasing additional licenses, please contact Michelle Lovell for more details.

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- 2nd Grade: Dec. 7
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- Kinder Dec. 14th
4:15-6:15 ASB Aud.
- 1st Grade Jan. 18th
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle

TEACHER NIGHT OUT SITE

Teacher Night Out resources are available on this [K-2 Teacher Night Out](#) website for teachers to view and download.

WALK TO READ CANVAS COURSE SURVEY

[Click this link to access the short survey.](#)

Our team is seeking feedback on the Walk to Read Canvas course that provides Walk to Read training for paraprofessionals, teachers, and coaches. If you need access to the course, contact the teacher specialist connected to your school.



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RGR SPANISH RESOURCES

Attention K-3 teachers with Spanish speaking EL students: Did you know that Really Great Reading has resources and videos that support the learning of your Spanish speaking students?

- There are Spanish videos for the animations and phoneme articulation as well as a video for parents.
- Check out the [PDF overview guide](#) for using these videos.
- Access the videos and other resources in the Supplemental Resources tab, or in the Phonics Suite Español at the end of the Unit dropdown menu in Countdown, Blast, and HD Word. More resources are still being added!

2022-23 ACADIENCE GOALS FOR K-3

District Goals: ([Click here for full goals](#))

- Reduce the percentage of kindergarten students scoring well-below benchmark by 55%.
- Reduce the percentage of 1st grade students scoring well-below benchmark by 42%.
- Maintain the number of 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark.

State goal: 60% of students in grades 1-3 make typical or better progress.

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- 2nd Grade: Nov. 2nd 4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle School
- Kinder Nov. 9th 4:15-6:15 ASB Auditorium
- 1st Grade Nov. 16th 4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle School

NOV. 4TH DISTRICT PD DAY

Heggerty, MSRC, and Literacy Launch Refresher are offered from 1:00-4:00. If teachers or coaches haven't attended, this is the last opportunity this year. Sign up on JPLS.

KINDERGARTEN LETTER NAMES & SOUNDS

Reminder: This [Planet Kindergarten](#) site has resources (at the end) to support kindergarten students in learning their letter names and sounds. Our goal is that all kindergarten students will be able to identify letter names and sounds, with automaticity. Thank you for your continued efforts to help students master these critical skills.



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Issue 2

Q & A FROM LITERACY LAUNCH

Thank you to all who attended our Literacy Launch Refresher training! Now that all the sessions are completed, we're sharing this [Q & A document](#) to answer questions that teachers submitted to us. We grouped the questions according to topic. There are a few questions that we are still working to address.

PLANET KINDERGARTEN



If you haven't heard about our Planet Kindergarten Mission, check out the [details here!](#) We'd love to have you share the great things you're doing in your schools! #planetkindergarten

LETRS CONTINUING TEACHERS

- Units 5-8
- Sign up for virtual session dates on Midas (like last year)
- Before the unit session, complete book reading, online sessions, and Bridge to Practice activities
- [LETRS Info](#)

LETRS STARTING TEACHERS

- Units 1-4
- Placed in a cohort with assigned dates for virtual sessions
- Unit 1 dates are coming up! Sept. 13, 20, or 29
- Do the Unit 1 work and don't forget to get a substitute!

TEACHER NIGHT OUT

Last year's Kindergarten Night Out was a great success, so we're pleased that it will continue this year! We're also extending this opportunity to first and second grade teachers. We will be holding Kindergarten Night Out, First Grade Night Out, and Second Grade Night Out on a monthly basis on Wednesdays after school. Check out our [Teacher Night Out site](#) for dates and more details. Sign up on JPLS.



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KINDERGARTEN UPDATES

Welcome back to a new school year! Last year you braved Literacy Launch and embraced Countdown for Kindergarten. Together as a district, we reduced the number of Kindergarten students scoring well below on Acadience by 54%! As we start a new journey together this year, we can reach for proficiency and beyond. After talking to kindergarten teachers in our district and throughout our state, the following are some updates that we're making to help you achieve even more greatness:

[Click here for the updates](#)

GROWTH MEASURE ASSESSMENT

Testing Window: Testing should be completed by 9/30/2022

Growth Measure will be available to schools within Jordan District for grades 4-6 in place of Reading Inventory. This is optional for everyone except for 6th grade middle of the year. You can contact Kira Jensen at kira.jensen@jordandistrict.org or call her at 801-567-8112 with questions.

[More Info here](#)

WALK TO READ CANVAS COURSE

Coaches will be added as students to this course for use in training teachers and assistants in their building.

The course covers:

- Walk to Read Basics
- PASI/PSI instructions
- PA/PLL Lesson Implementation

Contact the teacher specialist for your building if you want to add other adults as students.

LEXIA

- Classes will sync with Lexia on September 1st.
- Access available for grades K-3.
- Grades 4-6 available for purchase by individual schools.

RGR

Accessing the online presentation tool for Really Great Reading has changed.

[Click here for the new steps.](#)