



LITERACY MATTERS

Issue 8

NEW RESOURCES IN REALLY GREAT READING

Really Great Reading continues to add more resources to meet the needs of students and teachers. Countdown has new sound story animations. Also, there are new Blast extension unit lessons, The lessons focus on additional vowel teams, r-controlled vowels, and consonant -le pattern. The new resources can be found in the Supplemental Resources on the online tool.

FLUENCY ROUTINE



HD Word Decodable
Passage 5-Day Routine

Good news! [The 5-day fluency routine](#) is now available for second graders! There are detailed lesson plans for each HD Word decodable passage.

- Lessons for units 1-7 and 20-32 are available on our Elementary Literacy website under programs - Really Great Reading - HD Word Fluency Routine
- Units 8-19 lessons will be added soon!

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- 2nd Grade May 3
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- Kindergarten and First Grade Night Out are finished for this year.

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN TRAINING

- *Only for teachers who are or will be teaching full day kindergarten.
Sign up on JPLS.
April 21, 1:00-4:00
May 6, 8:30-11:30
May 6, 1:00-4:00

GEODES AND RGR ALIGNMENT

Check out this [alignment guide](#) created by Really Great Reading to help teachers know how the Geodes book sets align to the RGR phonics scope and sequence.





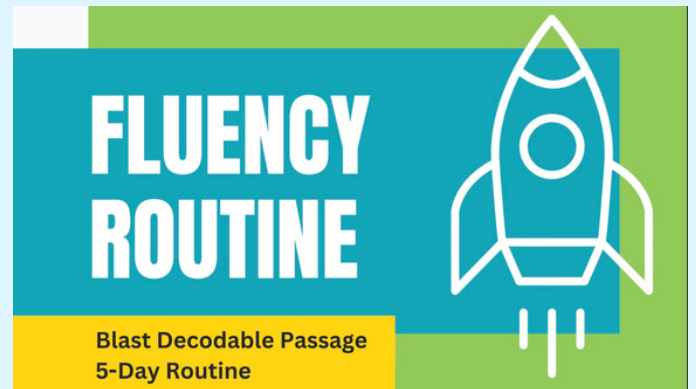
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Issue 7

2023 UPDATED DISTRICT ELA DAILY TIME ALLOTMENTS

Check out the updated English Language Arts Daily Time Allotments for each grade level. The total ELA time has not changed, but we've clarified our recommendations for how much time should be spent on specific ELA areas of instruction.

Find them on our website under Standards - K-6 Information or on specific grade level pages.



We've created a 5-day fluency routine for first graders! There are detailed lesson plans for each Blast decodable passage

- Available on our Elementary Literacy website under programs - Really Great Reading - [Blast Fluency Routine](#)
- Lesson plans coming soon for 2nd grade HD Word decodable texts too.

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- Kinder April 12
4:15-6:15 at ASB Auditorium
- 1st Grade April 19
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- 2nd Grade May 3
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle

NEXT ZOOM MEETING FOR COACHES MONDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 2:00

Submit questions beforehand via this [survey](#).
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

ORAL READING FLUENCY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

For any grade level and any kind of text, try this easy Fluency Development Lesson (FDL) from Timothy Rasinski.

- Meant for use with short texts, poems, or sections of text: 50-200 words
- Utilizes repeated reading, assisted reading, and performance.



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Issue 6

NEW UTAH STATE ELA STANDARDS

As you may know, The P-12 Utah State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) are currently being reviewed and revised. They have not been finalized yet and are still subject to changes. We are watching this process carefully and will send more information as the standards are finalized. Here is a copy of the most recent draft:

[P-12 Utah State Standards for English Language Arts.](#)

I'M "DONE" WITH MSRC. NOW WHAT?

95 Percent Group's MSRC (Multisyllable Routine Cards) is used to teach the 6 syllable types to students in grades 3-6. The ultimate goal is for students to apply these skills in accurately reading multisyllable words in text. The suggested instructional pacing takes about 18 weeks. Teachers should be checking for word reading skills throughout MSRC instruction. **After the initial 18 weeks, teachers should still devote 5 minutes a day on these skills.** Depending on students' skills, they may decide to:

- Reteach MSRC lessons whole class, focusing on multisyllable word reading. (step 3)
- Reteach MSRC lessons to targeted small groups.
- Apply knowledge of syllable types to 3-5 content vocabulary words daily.

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- 2nd Grade Mar. 1
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- Kinder Mar. 8
4:15-6:15 at ASB Presentation Room
- 1st Grade Mar. 15
4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle

NEXT ZOOM MEETING FOR COACHES MONDAY, FEB. 27TH AT 2:00

Submit questions beforehand via this [survey](#).
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

UTAH SPOTLIGHTED IN AMPLIFY'S SCIENCE OF READING PODCAST

Learn about how Utah is implementing the Science of Reading statewide. Listen to [Amplify's Science of Reading: The Podcast S6 E10: The big win is just the beginning with Dr. Jennifer Thronsdon](#)



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Issue 5

ZOOM Q&A MEETINGS FOR COACHES

The district literacy team will be hosting optional monthly Zoom meetings for coaches who have questions relating to literacy instruction and assessment. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 23rd at 2:00. Coaches can submit questions beforehand via this [survey](#).

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

95 PERCENT GROUP

Great news! The Phonics Lesson Library decodable passages are now available to download and print! Coaches can find them by logging in to 95percentgroup.com and clicking on the related PLL. We have also downloaded them into a shared folder for easy access: [Decodable Passages](#).

These can be used to supplement the phonics chip kit lessons in Walk to Read or to provide extra practice in classrooms or other WTR groups.

WALK TO READ EXTENSION GROUP SUPPORT

Our wonderful Gifted and Talented department has created a folder of tips and supports for the resources that were given to schools, such as Jacob's Ladder, Vocabulary Ladders, Byrdseed TV, etc. We encourage coaches and teachers to take a look! If you would like more support, please reach out to Taryn Cox (taryn.cox@jordandistrict.org) for more training.

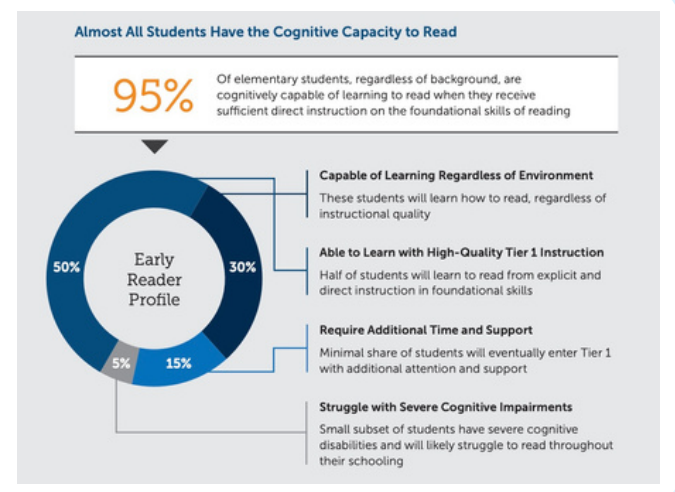
[GT-Walk to Read- Extension Resources](#)

TEACHER NIGHT OUT DATES

- 1st Grade Jan. 18th 4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- 2nd Grade: Feb. 1 4:15-5:15 at South Jordan Middle
- Kinder Mar. 8 4:15-6:15 at ASB Aud.

6TH GRADE ACADIENCE AND GROWTH MEASURE

To facilitate 7th grade reading class placement, middle schools have asked that 6th graders complete MOY Acadience and Growth Measure assessment by January 6th. For info about the Growth Measure assessment, visit [this page](#).



Did you know that 95 Percent Group's name relates to the research that 95% of students are cognitively capable of reading? While there is a small group of students with severe cognitive disabilities who struggle to learn to read, they are not generally found in the regular classroom. The vast majority of students are capable of learning to read with sufficient instruction. Effective tier one instruction and targeted interventions are essential to accomplishing this goal. If you have a large number of students needing intervention, strengthen tier one instruction. For students who aren't making progress in 95% skill groups, consider [these questions](#).



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Issue 4

TEACHING BLENDED 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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Issue 3

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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Issue 1

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.](#)