# Elementary Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment



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#### **Curriculum and our Strategic Goals:**

We believe that every individual has intrinsic worth, that embracing diversity enriches and empowers our community, and that people reach their full potential when encouraged to believe it is possible. Therefore, building upon our tradition of excellence, we will guide and support our students' growth, empowering them to value their individual learning journeys

#### Goal 1

Understanding that all students have diverse needs, backgrounds, and approaches to learning, we will integrate tools and structures to appropriately challenge and enable students to realize their full potential.

#### Goal 2

Embracing a rapidly changing world, we will empower learners to assume active roles in their communities, to face and engage global challenges and to contribute proactively toward a more peaceful, just, inclusive, and secure world.

#### Goal 3

Recognizing that children need to balance physical, social, emotional and academic needs, we will maintain a supportive culture and build structures for the health, safety, and well-being of the Whole Child.

# Every Child, Whole Child, Global Child

#### **Curriculum and our Strategic Goals:**

#### Goal 4

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District will cultivate a diverse and inclusive community where members of every race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ability, religion, socio-economic class, ethnicity, and national origin are welcomed, valued, respected and celebrated.





Purpose

 To understand what students have learned.
To make instructional decisions to help students grow.

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Types of assessments

# Assessments FOR Learning Quizzes, tests, observations, class discussions

Assessments **OF** Learning Grades, assessments like NWEA Map & NJSLA

# Inapshot of (some) assessments

<u>Gr.</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
K-9	NWEA MAP
K-1	NWEA MAP Fluency
2	CogAT
K-12	ACCESS for ELL's
k-9	NJSLA

<u>Timeframe</u> Fall, Winter, Spring Fall, Winter, Spring Winter Spring Spring



# doing, knowing, and sense making

Mathematics

# Mhat has changed?



Timed fact tests Teacher telling how to do it One right answer Isolated practice Long worksheets Memorizing steps "I'm not a math person." Fluency strategies & practice Inquiry/strategies that fit my brain Multiple entry points Cooperative group and partner work Manipulatives Conceptual understanding Growth mindset

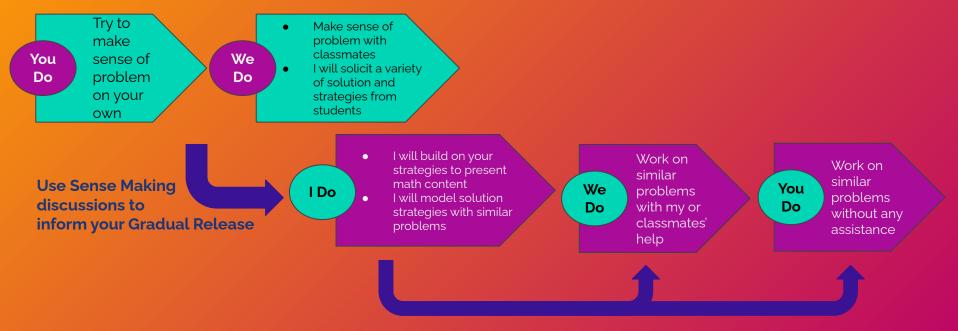
# Shared Vision: Math Equity Statement

ALL learners should have access to rigorous, high-level mathematical content in an environment where risk-taking, deep conceptual understanding, and growth mindset are the norm.

doers, knowers, sense makers of mathematics

Start with Sense Making

#### Sense Making - Number Sense Routine (or Calendar Math)



#### **Gradual Release - Guided Math**

Source: Choosing to See, Dr. P. Seda & Dr. K. Brown, 2021

## Math Workshop Structures

- Number Sense Routines
- Mini-lesson and/or Guided Math Groups
- Rich Tasks or Center Activities
- Reflection

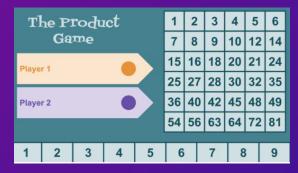


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# Misconception: Kids don't practice their basic facts anymore.

"Students rarely cry about other subjects nor do they believe that other subjects are about memorization or speed."

 Jo Boaler, 2015 "Fluency without Fear - Research Evidence on the Best Way to Learn Math Facts"

# Phases of Fluency

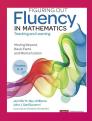
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What is fluency?

*Efficiency:* Solving a procedure in a reasonable amount of time by selecting an appropriate strategy and readily implementing that strategy

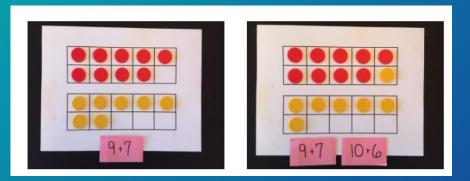
*Flexibility:* Knowing multiple procedures and applying or adapting strategies to solve procedural problems (Baroody & Dowker, 2003; Star, 2005 as cited by Bay-Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021, p.3).

Accuracy: Correctly solving a procedure (Bay-Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021, p. 3)





## Basic Fact Example 7 + 9 6 + 10 = 16



### Extensions to Other Types of Numbers

97 + 353.9 + 1.4100 + 32 = 1324.0 + 1.3 = 5.3

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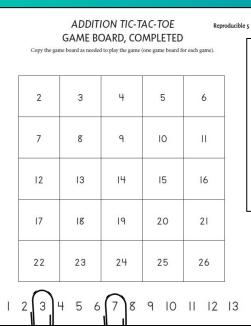
Bay-Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021, Figuring out Fluency. Corwin Pg. 65

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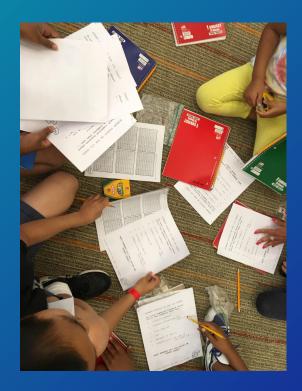
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Why all of this?



Number Sense is the foundation for all higher-level mathematics. We are more mathematically confident when we understand numbers.



# What do you notice? What do you wonder?





# 73 and 48 are **BIG** numbers when...







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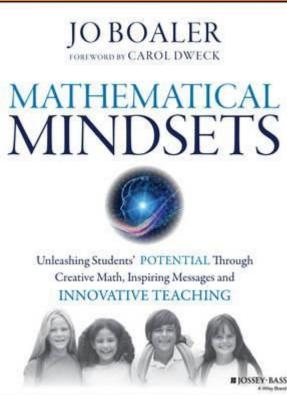
Jim brushes his teeth for 2 minutes, 3 times a day. How many minutes does he spend brushing his teeth in a year (365 days)?

Progression of Early Numbers & Counting



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#### DRESOURCES for Growth Mindset



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Talk to your kids about math when: -cooking -getting groceries -going for a walk

Ask your children about their math: What do you notice? How do you know? How did you figure that out? Do you see any patterns?

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Math Learning Center Pages (Bridges) https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/families

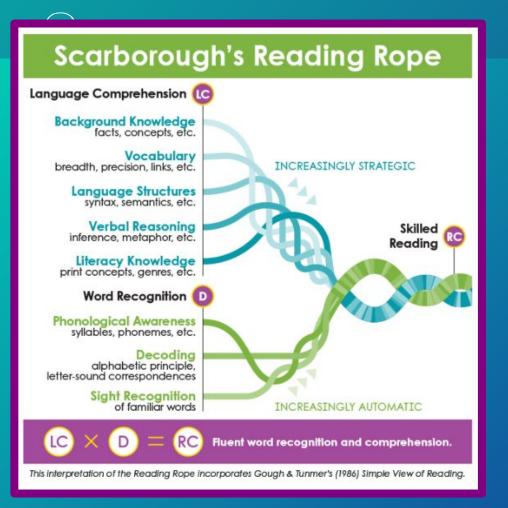
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Bedtime Math Links https://bedtimemath.org/get-up-and-move/

New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Math https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/math/l ndex.shtml

### Phonics, Reading and Writing Workshop

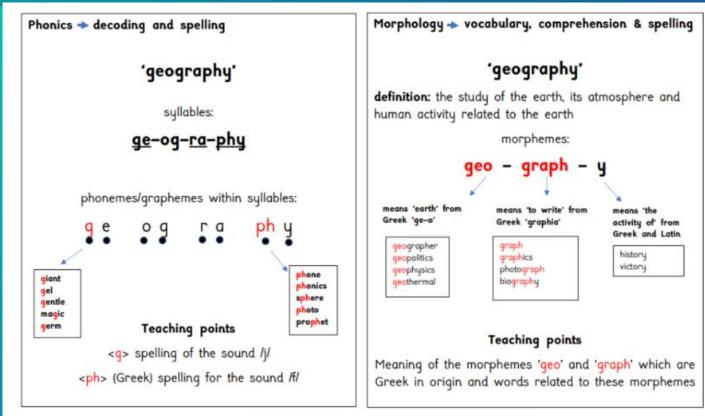
Literacy





### Teaching Literacy in WW-P

#### Phonics (K-2) and Word Study (3-5)



**PhonicBooks** 

#### www.phonicbooks.co.uk

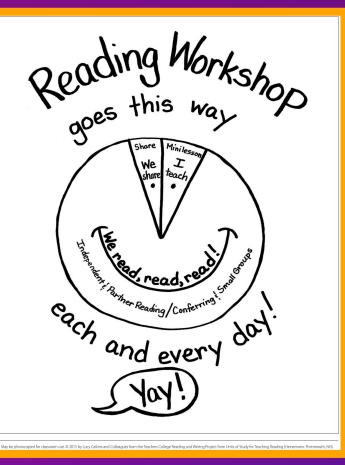
#### Phonics to Word Study

#### Sample Phonics Skills Progression by Jan Burkins and Kari Yates

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#### Teaching Literacy in WW-P



Reading and Writing Workshop Structures (40-60 minutes)

- Mini-lesson (5-15 minutes)
- Student Reading/Vriting Time with Conferring and Small Groups (20-30 minutes)
- Mid-Workshop Teaching Point (2 -5mins)
- Teaching Share/Partner/Book Clubs (2-10 minutes)

Zooming in to what Workshop Model Teaching Really looks like....

# Workshop Model Teaching

- Whole Group Direct Instruction
- Guided Practice
- Small Group Instruction
- Time for Independent Practice

## Spiraling through the Grades - Reading

K-Becoming Avid Readers 1st- Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons 2nd- Amping Up Reading Power 3rd- Character Studies 4th - Interpreting Characters 5th - Interpretation Book Clubs

## Spiraling through the Grades - Writing

K- Persuasive Writing of All Kinds 1st-Writing Reviews 2nd-Writing About Reading 3rd- Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions and Editorials 4th - Boxes and Bullets: Persuasive Essays 5th - Research Based Argument Essay

# Supporting your child

# How can you support your child's growth as a reader?

- Read TO your child
- Read WITH your child
- Have your child read to you
- TALK about the book (avoid the question-and-answer approach)
- Tell stories (family stories are a great way to end the day ...)
- Write notes to your child (leave them on the counter in the morning, tuck them into backpacks or lunch boxes)

# ○ Supporting your child

## Supporting your child's writerly life:

- Give them notebooks
- Talk about the different types of writing you do.
- Have them help you write the grocery list, notes to family, daily gratitude journal etc.
- Have conversations around their writing- what are they trying to do, or make the reader feel?
- Talk about the what you notice authors doing in their writing.

# a Message from Or. Lee McDonald

# **Deputy Superintendent of Schools**

# Parent University - Benefit of Youth Sports

A mountain of evidence now documents the physical, mental, social, emotional, cognitive and academic benefits that flow to youth whose bodies are in motion. Learn more about the positive impact on a child's life through participation in youth sports. Hear from a panel of community leaders about how sports have impacted local youth and how your child can be involved.

Tuesday February 13th 7pm via Zoom





### West Windsor Recreation

**Plainsboro Recreation** 

West Windsor Little League Baseball

West Windsor Youth Soccer

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