

AUGUST 2020

K-3 LIT BITS

Welcome Back to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Welcome to the K-3 Lit Bit Newsletter!

Each month, the K-3 Literacy Division will send out the monthly Lit Bit with content on Read to Achieve legislation, the science of reading, professional development (PD) opportunities, links to memos, and ways to be involved. Please forward our monthly Lit Bit to interested staff in your district.

New this year! Our K-3 Lit Bit will start with a vignette to outline a K-3 literacy situation within a district or school and identify resources for potential solutions throughout the newsletter. All vignettes are fictional with the purpose of highlighting practical application of content.

Vignette: Ms. Taylor just moved to NC for her new position as principal of an elementary school. She is looking forward to guiding her staff on a journey to learn about the science of reading. Where can Ms. Taylor find the resources she needs to support teachers throughout this learning process?

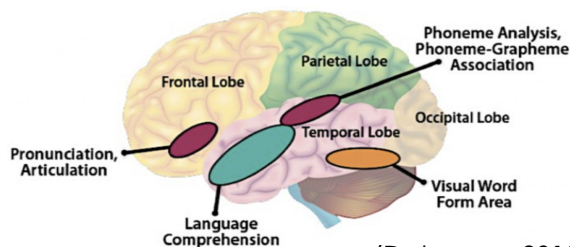
Our Cornerstone

The K-3 Literacy team is excited to embark on a journey with you into the...

science of reading!



These major regions of the brain help us understand the pathways formed as reading skills are learned.



(Dahaene, 2013)

PD on the Go! (PD for the virtual world)

Join our Webinar!

High-Quality Instructional Materials: A Strategic Approach to Improving Literacy Achievement



Wednesday, August 12, 2020
10:00-11:15 EST

What are high-quality reading instructional materials? How can they be a lever for positive change to increase student achievement? Join the NCDPI K-3 Literacy [webinar](#) to hear from special guests Dr. Jared Myracle, Dr. Kymyona Burk, and Brian Kingsley. This webinar will define high-quality instructional materials, discuss how they benefit teachers and students, and outline processes for selection and implementation.

Regional RtA Contact Support

RtA Contacts mark your calendars!

Our first 2020-2021 (virtual) meeting for all designated district/charter RtA contacts across the state will be on:

Friday, August 27 from 10:00-12:00

Webinar information for attending virtually will be sent to RtA Contacts via email. RtA Contacts who are unable to attend will have access to the recording.

RtA Contacts SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming virtual meetings for individual regions:
(more information to come)

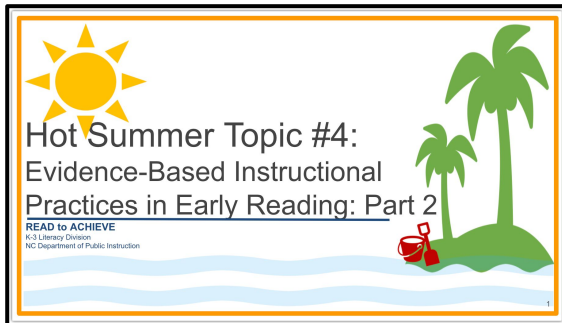
November 9, 2020	Northeast	10:00-12:00
November 9, 2020	Southeast	2:00-4:00
November 10, 2020	North Central	10:00-12:00
November 10, 2020	Sandhills	2:00-4:00
November 12, 2020	Piedmont Triad	10:00-12:00
November 12, 2020	Southwest	2:00-4:00
November 13, 2020	Northwest	10:00-12:00
November 13, 2020	Western	2:00-4:00

Hot Summer Topics Series - Padlet

Take a few moments to explore the [K-3 Literacy Padlet](#) for this season's Hot Summer Topics series to learn more about:

- the science of reading
- explicit instruction
- evidence-based instructional practices

Each Hot Summer Topic includes a short informational video available on YouTube with supporting materials on the padlet. Access the video through the link in the first handout or follow our playlist on YouTube. New topics will be added each Friday throughout the month of August.



Be sure to check out the suggestions for [Virtual Explicit Instruction](#) that accompany Hot Summer Topic #2: Explicit Instruction.

Check in with Principal Taylor!

How can Ms. Taylor learn more about the science of reading? She can check out the Hot Summer Topic series!



RtA Legislation Links

Check here for links to memos and SBE meeting agenda and/or notes.

Recent Memos

[Assessment memo \(8/3/2020\)](#)

State Board Meetings

[Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee: Comprehensive Reading Plan](#)

Tell Me More! Are there topics related to improving literacy outcomes that you want to know more about? We would love to hear from you. Please complete this quick, anonymous "[Tell Me More](#)" poll to inform the content of future K-3 newsletters.

Reading Repository

Looking for something related to the science of reading? Click the image to check out the [K-3 Literacy Reading Repository](#).



Check in with Principal Taylor!

Where can Ms. Taylor find more information? The K-3 Literacy Reading Repository is continually updated with new information and resources to assist teachers and leaders working in K-3 literacy.

Little Slice of Hope

*Be the change
you want to see in
the world!*

A great attitude becomes a great day and 180 great days becomes a great school YEAR!

"To change in a significant way, the person has to love that change and become that change. It has to be a continuing process."

- Dr. Dudley Flood



Be a CHANGE AGENT

["...and we are not going to let anybody sleep until we have changed for the better for all children."](#) - Sonya Thomas

Dr. Tara Galloway
Director, K-3 Literacy



Important Information

- BOY, MOY, and EOY benchmark windows will be shared as soon as they become available
- Districts/Charters should contact SBE approved vendor of choice to set up a contract using PRC 085 funds that have been allotted based on ADM
- NWEA: julia.watkins@nwea.org
- Renaissance Learning laurie.borkon@renaissance.com
- Istation: cmbrown@istation.com
- Curriculum Associates: kpetty@cainc.com
- Amplify: smcfall@amplify.com

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