

Update on the Elementary School Curriculum & Programs

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East Rockaway School District Mission Statement

The East Rockaway School District respects our diverse community and proud traditions by engaging every student in an innovative and challenging educational program which inspires learners to become self-directed, ethical, creative, and globally conscious citizens.

What
Drives
Us?

VALUES AND PRIORITIES

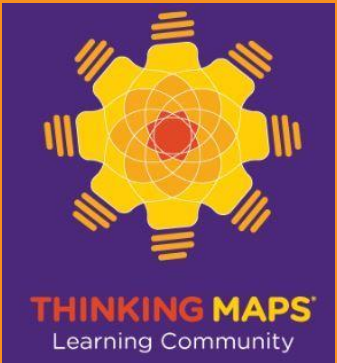
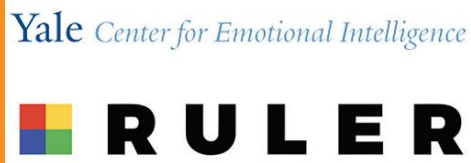
21st Century
Learning

Results Will
Follow

Kids First,
Always

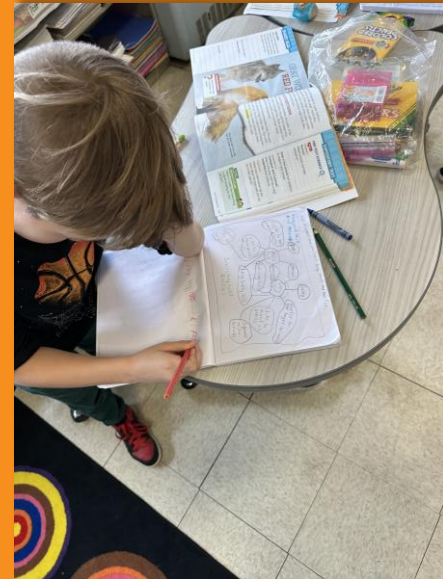
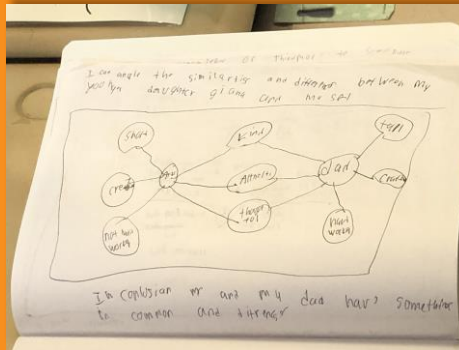
Commitment to
Continuous
Learning

The Power of
Feedback



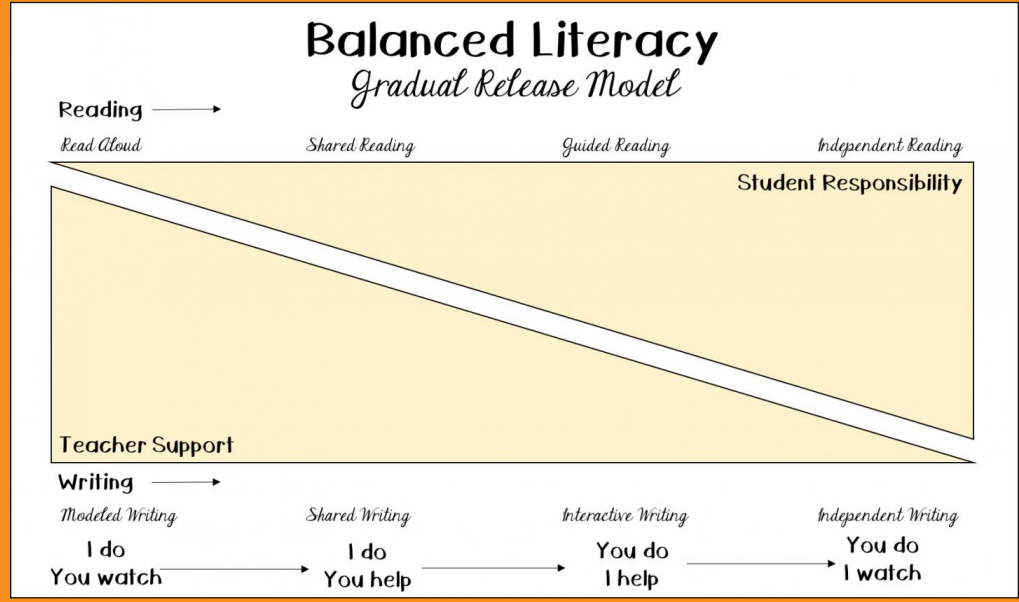
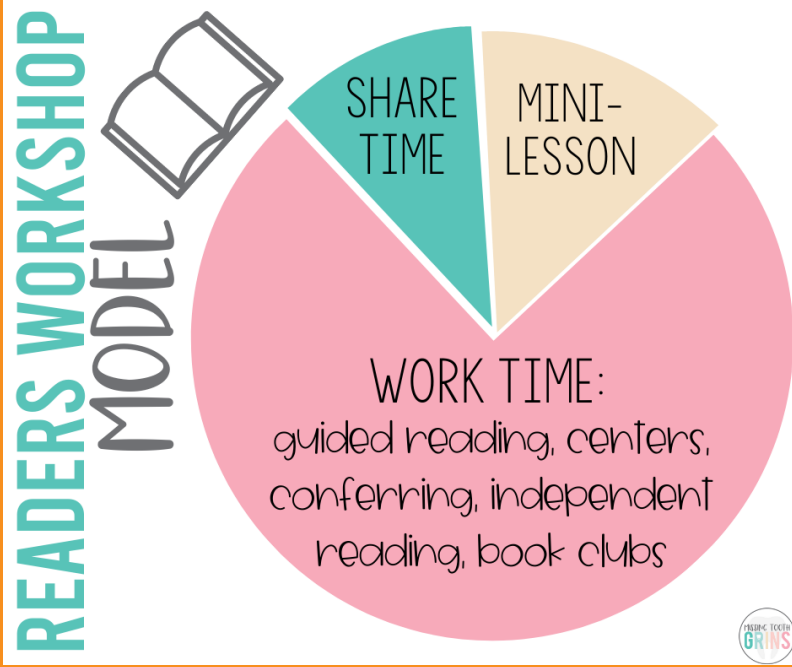
Thinking Maps Update

- Developing internal capacity through “TOTs” (Trainers of Teachers)
- Reducing dependence on consultants
- Moving towards level 2 and level 3 accreditation at RAS and CAS
- Applying Thinking Maps in the classroom



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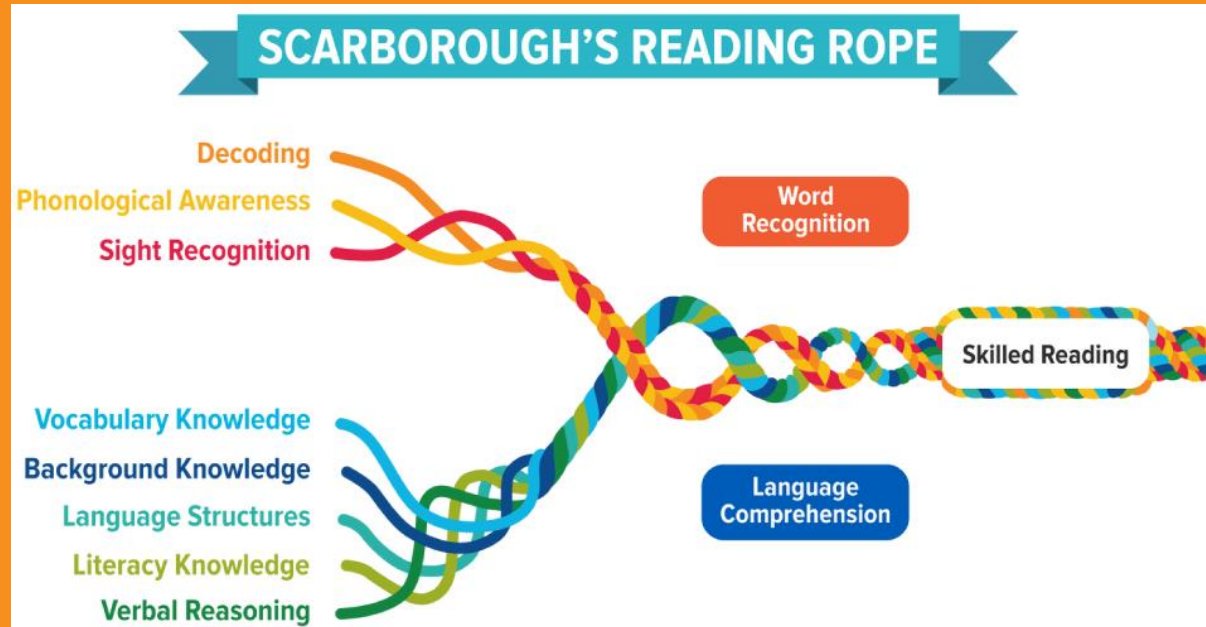
- Increased time for students engaged in the work
- Gradual release of responsibility



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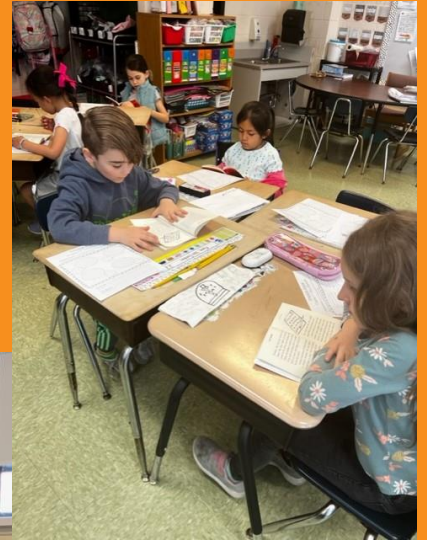
- Key to the literacy block is the new “Launching” unit of our elementary ELA curriculum with four essential questions that are common to all grade levels

- ❑ What does it mean to be part of a reading community?
- ❑ How does a reading workshop go?
- ❑ What habits do good readers have?
- ❑ What does it mean to think as I read?



Students and the Literacy Block

- Blend of whole class, small group, & independent reading
- Meeting students where they are and building skills



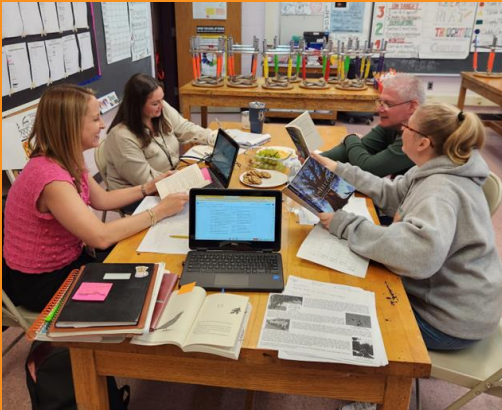
Literacy from a Student's Perspective





Details of Coach's Work

- Data analysis meetings and goal setting with teachers and principals
- Design and construction of new Units of Study K-6
- Model lessons in classrooms
- Cyclical review of effectiveness of Units of Study
- Cyclical review of effectiveness of new Literacy Block structure
- Professional development workshops



Benefits for Teachers

- Professional development workshops
 - FUNdations relaunch
 - Vocabulary development
 - Supporting phonemic awareness
 - Implementing Geodes decodable readers
- Concrete supports
 - Leveled libraries, including take-home kits for families
 - Purchase of novel sets
 - Lending bookrooms and set-up for Geodes kits

“I appreciate the structure of the Literacy Block and feel it allows the class to run smoothly. The students have become independent learners.”

“Danielle has been knowledgeable and supportive in helping us plan our Reading Units... combining all our resources and materials into a cohesive design. Danielle led planning meetings and was always ready, willing and able to answer our questions and valued our input. We enjoy collaborating with her and appreciate the shared literacy drive she has created. This updated literacy plan will be an asset to the East Rockaway school community moving forward.”

“Danielle met with teachers prior to receiving the Geodes to go over best practice and helped us sort and organize the materials. She is always available to answer questions and model lessons.”

The Road Ahead

- Rollout of i-Ready as our universal screener and instructional support tool
- Incorporating PBL into our 5th and 6th grade classrooms
- Introducing the RULER program to students in support of social-emotional learning
- Employing a 6-day cycle to expand opportunities for “specials” and increase flexibility for student support
- Shifting focus of coach from curriculum to instruction





Thank you for your attention.

Are there any questions?