



Beekman Charter School Literacy Plan

Daily Foundational Literacy Skills Instruction in Grades K-3

Foundational skills instruction is the primary method of teaching reading. In grades K-2, approximately 120 minutes per day is devoted to literacy instruction. In grade 3, approximately 90 minutes is devoted to literacy instruction. Literacy instruction emphasizes the elements of the foundational skills—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Grades 3-5 begin the shift with more vocabulary and comprehension including other foundational skills taught and embedded in ELA Louisiana Standards.

Instructional Materials for Grades K-2

UFLI-Phonics
Heggerty-Phonemic Awareness
Secret Stories-Comprehension/Vocabulary
Project Read-Supplemental

Instructional Materials for Grades 3-5

Louisiana Guidebooks
Secret Stories-Supplemental
Project Read-Supplemental

Universal Literacy Screener for Grades K-3

Dibels 8th Edition will be used for the Universal Screener. It meets the universal screening requirements of Louisiana. It is to be administered three times during the school year. This will be at the beginning, middle, and end of the year for students in grades K-3. Beekman Charter also uses Renaissance STAR assessments for screening, monitoring, and instructional planning for grades K-8.

Intervention Structure and Support

Dibels 8th Edition screeners are administered three times a year as well as continuous progress monitoring during the school year. Renaissance STAR is administered three times a year. Students who need interventions are placed in RTI in a small group setting. Reading interventions are provided to students based on identified needs from screeners and progress monitoring. These interventions are provided/overseen by certified teachers using approved research-based materials.

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Parent Notification Plan

Beekman Charter School provides Literacy/STAR reports to notify and engage parents and families in the student's literacy progress. The report includes the following:

- Students' scores and progress in an easy to understand letter
- Information about the importance of reading proficiency by third grade
- At home reading activities for parents to use with their student at home to improve reading skills

Professional Development

Beekman Charter School provides professional development for teachers of students in grades K-3 and supervisors of those grades. This includes extensive training in the Science of Reading. Our interventionist is also trained in Project Read.

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