



Neah-Kah-Nie ELA Curriculum Adoption

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**“Learning is not a spectator
sport.”**

–Anita Archer

ELA PILOTING Process so far

The major steps of our piloting process started back in the fall of 2021

- **Science of Reading PD**
 - understanding the switch from Balanced Literacy to Structured Literacy
- **Piloting Materials Selection**
 - choosing what supports the Science of Reading
- **Piloting during the 22-23 school year**
 - Implementing with fidelity




The Science of Reading

We are in the middle of a nationwide shift of understanding that there is a very specific series of neurological pathways that need to be formed in order for an overwhelming majority of people to learn how to read.

- Past: Balanced Literacy Approach
- Present/Future: Structured Literacy Approach

Curriculum Materials Selection for Piloting

- Received approved curriculum list from the state
 - Developed an evaluation tool to determine if materials met the criteria to support science of reading.
 - Selected Great Minds and Wilson Language Publications
 - Wit and Wisdom (ELA curriculum)
 - Geodes (Decodable texts)
 - Foundations (foundational phonics materials)
 - Determined a Piloting plan
 - Think Tank Teachers: Wit and Wisdom and Geodes
 - All pre-k/3 teachers : Foundations
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Full Adoption

At NES:

5 out of 8 teachers- Wit and Wisdom

3 out of 8 teachers- Geodes

Fundations will be taught in all classes pre-k/5 (2 Teachers for the first time)

At GGS

3 out of 6 teachers- Wit and Wisdom

2 out of 6 teachers- Geodes

Fundations will be taught in all classes pre-k/5 (2 Teachers for the first time)

Summer Training:

All teachers will have 4 hour virtual grade level Foundations training.

2023-2024 Training

ALL teachers will have 2 Seven hour in person Great Minds Training (Launch and Module and Lesson Study)

Cost- Curriculum Budget

6 Year Contract with Great Minds

- Have already supplied materials to multiple classrooms that have been piloting this year.
- Cost = non-piloting teachers Wit and Wisdom materials (consumables for 6 years)+ Geodes for non-piloting materials + initial Foundations materials for classrooms that have not had it so far + digital access for Wit and Wisdom/ inSync
- Further additional expenses in the future will be Foundations consumables, digital access, and replacement durables as needed.
- Great Minds/Fundations/Geodes Bundled Quote:\$154, 711.21
- Foundations Consumables: Still waiting on Quote from company.

Conclusion

During our piloting time

- fantastic results in students critical thinking and writing skills due to Wit and Wisdom approach to deep learning
 - Students in Foundations are using phonics and grammar based language and understanding to take ownership of their reading skills.
 - Deeper understanding of reading and spelling rules.
 - This is a massive undertaking and need to look at this curriculum adoption as a long term process with continual training and fidelity checks over time.
 - We will be going slow at first but will get better with extra practice opportunities... just like our students.
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