



CKLA: A Literacy Journey Around the World (and beyond!)

pack your bags—your child's reading adventure starts here.



Welcome aboard!

Itinerary:

- Why CKLA?
- Destinations by Grade Level
- Your Child's Literacy Suitcase
- Two Paths
- Tips for Families
- Student Perspective



WHY CKLA?

Choosing the Best Route

- Research-based: grounded in the science of reading
- Builds knowledge and skills in a structured way
- Equity through access to high-quality content

Two main travel routes:

Skills Strand: Learning how to read (decoding, grammar, writing)

Knowledge Strand: Learning about the world (science, history, literature)



Destinations by Grade Level: K



Farms



Five Senses



Royalty



Seasons and
Weather

Other Domains: Fables, Stories, Plants, Native Americans, Geography, Shaped By Nature (Art Around Us)

Destinations by Grade Level: 1st+



Human Body



Astronomy



**Early Americans:
Maya, Inca, Aztec**



**Animals &
Habitats**

Other Domains: Fables & Tales, Different Lands, Geography, American Independence, Fairytails, Adventure Stories

Destinations by Grade Level: 2nd



Greek Myths



Insects



The Civil War



The Age of
Aviation

Other Domains: Fairytale & Tall Tales, Ancient Greece, Cycles in Nature, Poetry, Making a Difference, Nutrition

Destinations by Grade Level: 3rd



**Animal
Classification**



Ancient Rome



**Native
Americans**



Light and Sound

Other Domains: Classic Stories, Poetry, Astronomy, Charlotte's Web, Blues to Bebop: All That Jazz

Destinations by Grade Level: 4th



**Knights and Castles:
Europe's Middle Ages**



Geology



**American
Revolution**



**Treasure Island:
Adventure
Literature**

Other Domains: Personal Narratives, Poetry, Student Inventors, The Mixed Files of Basil E. Frankweiler,
American Innovation

Destinations by Grade Level: 5th



Poetry



Deep Blue World

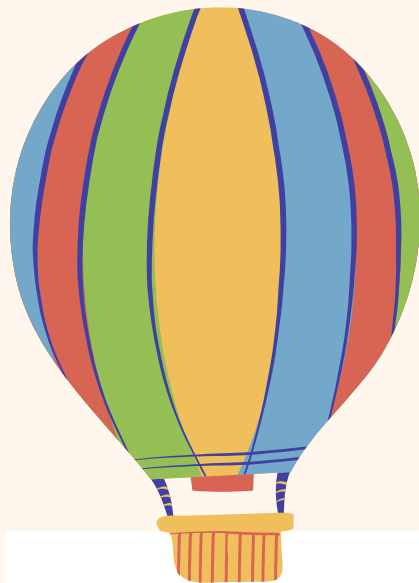


The Renaissance

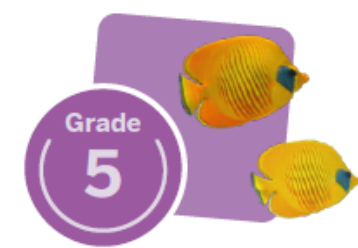


Global
Architecture

Other Domains: Personal Narratives, Early American Civilizations, Poetry, A Knight's Tale, Native Americans, The Phantom Tollbooth



Making connections Across Grades



What's in your child's Literacy suitcase?

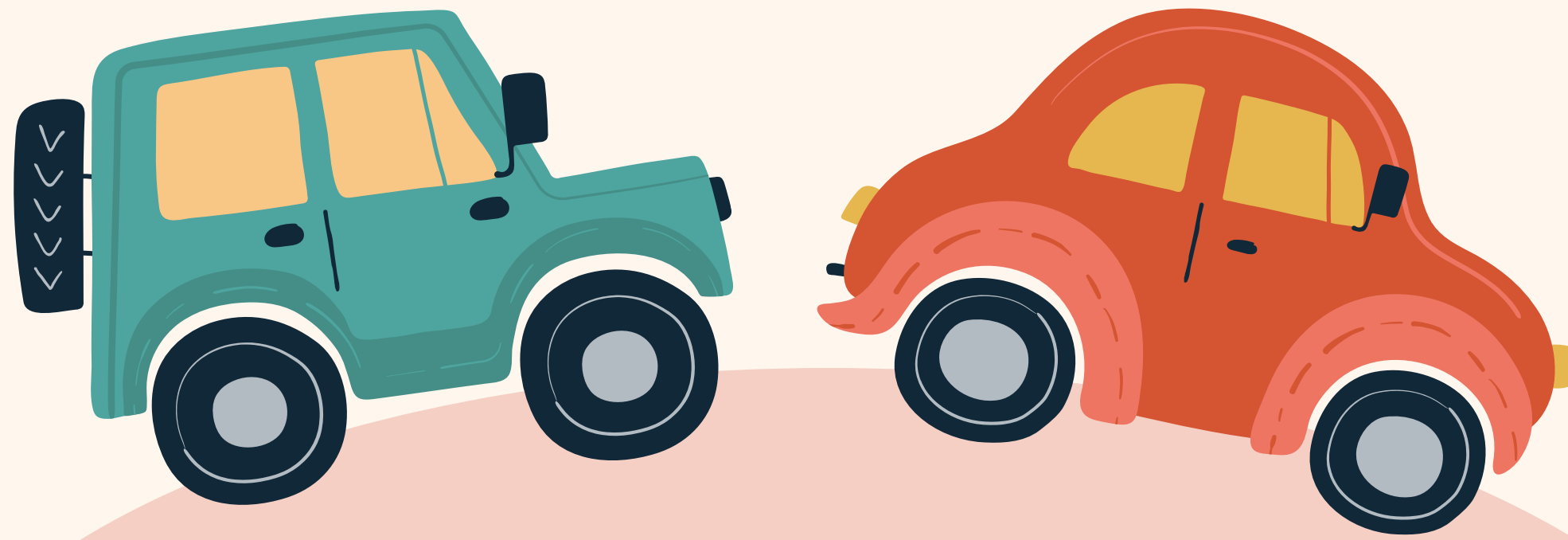
All the essentials are packed!

- Foundational Reading Skills (phonics, decoding, fluency)
- Vocabulary & Language Development
- Listening & Reading Comprehension
- Writing Across Genres
- Spelling, Grammar, and Handwriting (Print & Cursive)

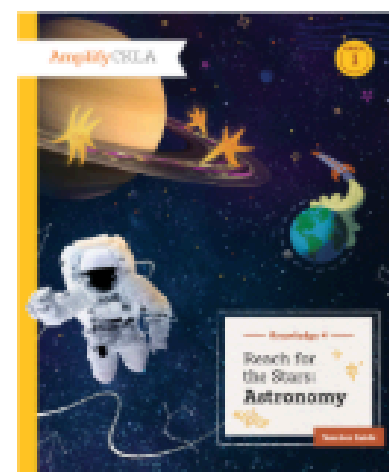


A Day on the Literacy Journey

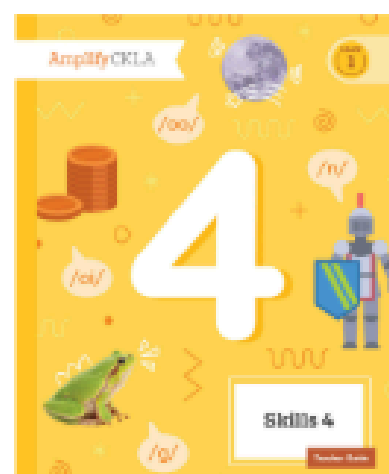
- Skills Block: decoding, phonics, grammar, spelling, writing practice
- Knowledge Block: read-alouds, discussions, vocabulary building, writing based on content
- **Grades 3-5 have integrated blocks.**



TWO PATHS: 1 DESTINATION



Knowledge Strand | K-2



Skills Strand | K-2

language comprehension

knowledge

vocabulary

sentences

reasoning

mental model

word recognition

sounds

letters

words

increasingly strategic →

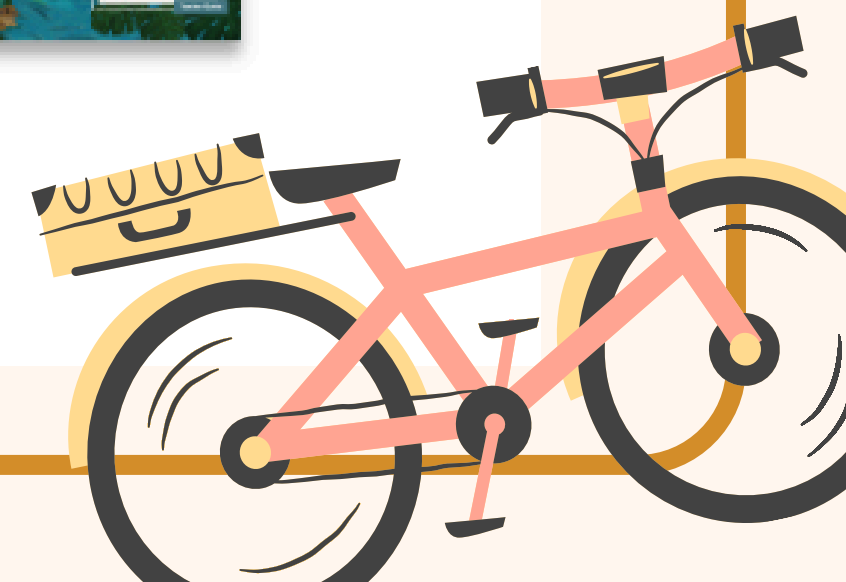
increasingly automatic →

skilled reading

3rd-5th Grade Integrated Strand



Scarborough (2001)



Travel Tips for Families

How Parents Can Be Co-Travelers

- Read the Take-Home Letters Together
- Talk About the Knowledge Units
- Support Writing at Home: Encourage your child to write about what they learned, keep a journal, or even write a "travel blog" from their CKLA adventures.
- Read at home together (rereading decodables is great practice)
- Use Vocabulary Words in Conversation
- Encourage curiosity: visit museums, watch nature shows, explore maps



Voices from the Road

