

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING BY GRADE

CKLA helps students grow their understanding of the world through engaging, content-rich units in science, history, literature, and more:

Kindergarten

- Nursery Rhymes & Fables
- The Five Senses
- Stories
- Plants
- Farms
- Kings & Queens
- Seasons & Weather

1st Grade

- Fables & Folktales
- The Human Body
- Geography
- Astronomy
- American Independence
- Animals & Habitats

2nd Grade

- Fairy Tales & Tall Tales
- The Ancient Greek Civilization
- The War of 1812
- Cycles in Nature
- Insects
- Nutrition

3rd Grade

- Classic Tales
- Animal Classification
- Astronomy
- Light and Sound
- Native Americans
- All That Jazz
- Novel Study

4th Grade

- Personal Narratives
- Geology
- Medieval Europe
- The American Revolution
- Novel Study

5th Grade

- Early American Civilizations
- The Renaissance
- Oceans
- Global Architecture
- Industrial Revolution
- Novel Study



PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

We're committed to working together to help every student succeed as a reader.

- Questions? Contact your school principal or literacy coach.
- Visit: chippewavalleyschools.org
- Learn more: <https://amplify.com/programs/ckla>



CKLA 3rd Edition

A NEW READING JOURNEY
FOR K-5 STUDENTS

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



Amplify CKLA



WELCOME TO OUR NEW READING PROGRAM!

We're excited to launch Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) 3rd Edition as our district-wide reading curriculum for grades K-5. This research-backed program is aligned with:

- The Science of Reading
- The Michigan Dyslexia and Early Literacy Law
- Our shift away from balanced literacy toward Structured Literacy

CKLA provides consistent, high-quality reading instruction for every student, in every classroom

WHY CKLA?

CKLA helps students grow as readers and thinkers by:

- Building foundational reading and writing skills
- Building background knowledge across subject areas
- Offering daily exposure to rich, engaging texts
- Explicitly teaching phonics, grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension

GOODBYE BALANCED LITERACY, HELLO STRUCTURED LITERACY

CKLA aligns with Structured Literacy, a proven approach that helps all students, including those with dyslexia, learn to read by:

- Systematically teaching phonics and decoding
- Providing oral language development opportunities
- Building knowledge in science, history, and literature
- Offering repeated exposure to academic vocabulary

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE OF READING?

The Science of Reading is a body of research showing how the brain learns to read. CKLA follows these principles by focusing on:

- Phonemic awareness
- Systematic phonics
- Fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension
- Language and knowledge-building

WHAT MAKES CKLA ENGAGING FOR STUDENTS?

- Diverse stories and informational texts
- Hands-on projects and interactive lessons
- Read-alouds and student discussions
- Writing and speaking activities
- Multisensory learning with visuals and movement

SUPPORTING ALL READERS

CKLA meets the requirements of the Michigan Dyslexia and Early Literacy Law, which mandates the use of high-quality instructional materials aligned to the Science of Reading.

It ensures:

- Consistent, effective reading instruction in every classroom
- Explicit support for foundational skills
- Access and success for struggling readers and students with dyslexia
- A clear path to grade-level reading for all