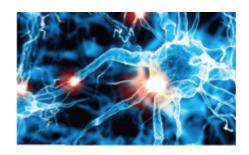
"No significant learning can occur without significant relationships. Connection is the key." - Dr. Becky Bailey



Connections on the outside build connections on the inside



It starts with WHY

Our Moonshot Mission

To achieve 90% literacy by third grade such that we create literate, compassionate, creative citizens who will improve the world

HOW do we support growing connections in our students on their learning journey?

WHAT we do is connected to
WHY we do it by
HOW we do it

Social Emotional Literacy (SEL)

In a connected world EMPATHY is learning. Learning is relationship driven. In order to take the risks necessary to achieve the levels of literacy and learning required to be successful,



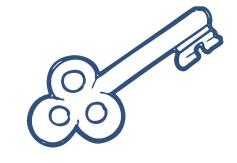
we must provide learning experiences that grow both awareness and management of emotions and awareness and management of relationships in healthy ways. Kids need to feel safe and connected in order to be emotionally available to learn.

Learning is a team sport. At the heart of it is working together to grow empathy, engagement, openness, and curiosity.

How is the student connecting to the text ?
How is the student connecting to the learning ?
How is the student connecting to the teacher ?
How is the student connecting to other students?
How is the student connecting the learning to the world?
How are the learning experiences connecting to the lived lives of
the students?
How are the learning strategies and rituals and routines connected
to building the social emotional skills of the students? (self
regulation, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills,
responsible decision making)

Foundational Literacy

The ability to to read, write, think and communicate is the cornerstone of literacy. To be successful students need to have



meaningful, active, and multi sensory experiences with a wide range of text. It is important to engage attention, emotion, and memory networks in intentional ways to grow foundational literacy skills.

How is the foundational skill learning connected to meaningful and
multi sensory experiences?
How is the learning connected to developing speaking and
listening skills?
How is the learning connected to developing phonemic awareness
skills?
How is the learning connected to developing phonics skills?
How is the learning connected to developing fluency skills?
How is the learning connected to developing comprehension skills?
How is the learning connected to developing writing skills?
How is the learning connected across the curriculum?

Applied Literacy

A driving or essential question is key to moving students learning through the text to the world of critical thinking, creative innovation, and working together to make a difference. It aligns to the power standards to give an authentic reason to learn and an

authentic reason to apply that learning.

Where do the students have the opportunity to connect what they are learning to an authentic purpose?
 How does the culmination of the experience demonstrate the learning?
 How is the learning connected, meaningful and relevant for the student?
 How is the driving or essential question connected throughout the learning?