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Dear Families,

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is excited to share the details of the new K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum. Our Elementary ELA Curriculum Team has carefully mapped the curriculum using resources aligned with the science of reading. We aim to ensure that every student develops strong reading and writing skills through a comprehensive approach to literacy instruction, which includes word recognition, language comprehension, and writing.

1. Word Recognition/Word Study: For Kindergarten through 2nd grade students, we will continue to use the University of Florida Literacy Institute's UFLI Foundations program. UFLI provides a systematic approach to building strong word recognition skills through explicit instruction and practice. For 3rd through 5th grade students, we will use Collaborative Classroom's *Being a Reader* Word Study lessons. These lessons develop students' understanding of how words are constructed and engage students in examining word patterns and similarities.

2. Language Comprehension: We will utilize Collaborative Classroom's *Being a Reader* across all grade levels to enhance language comprehension components: vocabulary, background knowledge, language structures, verbal reasoning, and literacy knowledge. Language comprehension lessons include diverse, high-quality fiction and nonfiction texts and integrated teaching of social skills to create a collaborative, respectful, and supportive learning community.

3. Writing: Collaborative Classroom's *Being a Writer* supports students in developing their writing skills through structured lessons and diverse writing opportunities. Students will learn to craft their pieces, analyze examples of good writing, and refine their writing processes.

We are confident our new curriculum and resources will provide a strong foundation for your child's literacy development. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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