



K-12 Language Arts Update

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Standards Revision:
NJSLS 2023



K-5 Curriculum Updates

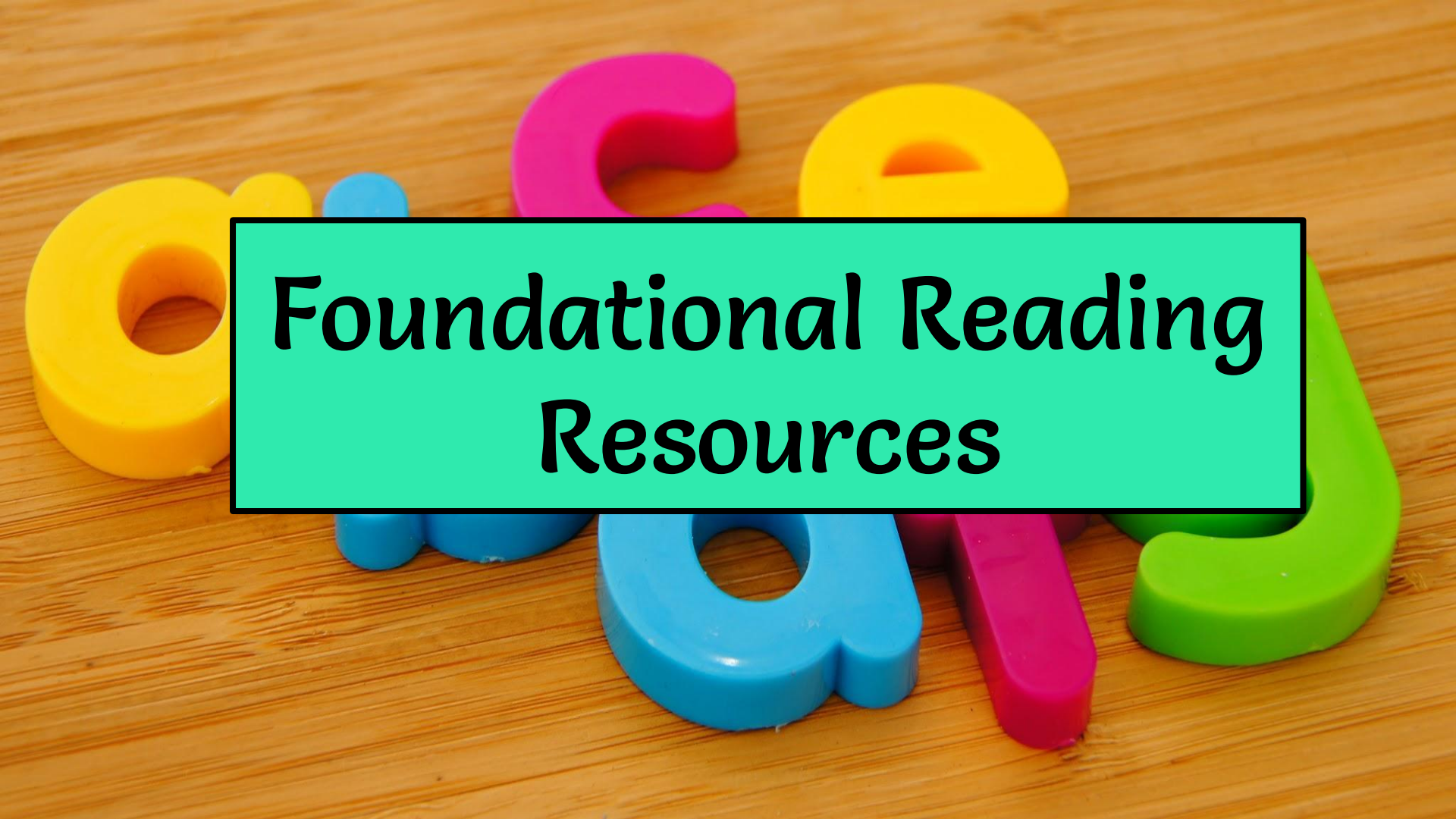
- ★ Align curriculum with **2023 ELA Student Learning Standards** (to be implemented in September 2024)
 - Increased emphasis on foundational reading and writing skills
- ★ Clarify **student learning outcomes** of NJSLS 2023 to best align with instructional resources
- ★ Increase **cohesiveness** of multiple ELA components within units (Reading, Phonics, Vocabulary, Writing, Grammar, Spelling)
- ★ Increase emphasis on **vocabulary** instruction in each grade level

6-12 Curriculum Updates

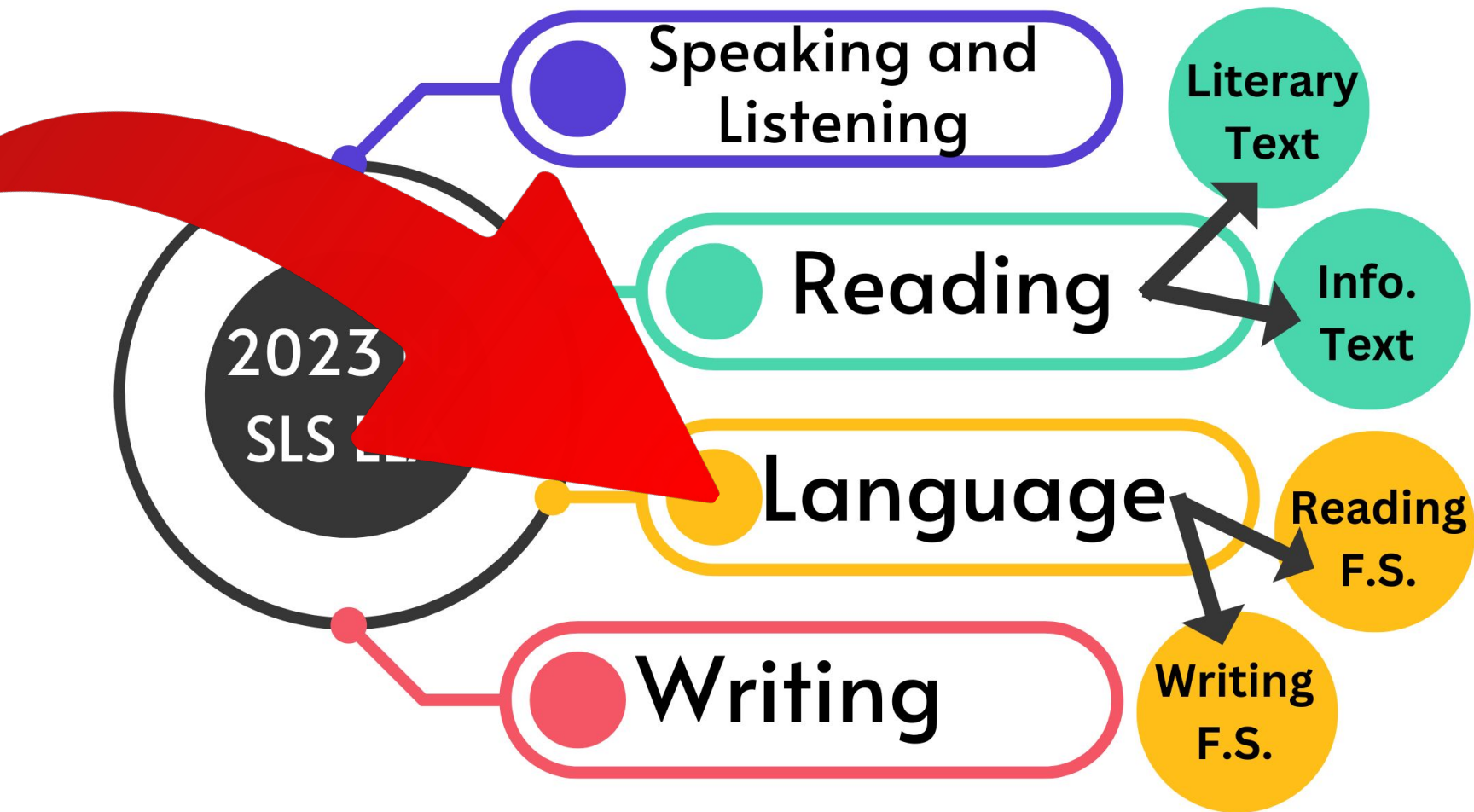
- ★ Align curriculum with **2023 ELA Student Learning Standards** (to be implemented in September 2024)
- ★ Clarify **student learning targets** and build the scope and sequence of each unit that is based on achieving the student learning standards
- ★ Increase emphasis on **vocabulary & grammar** instruction in grades 5-8, aligned with the NJSLS 2023

K-12 Curriculum Updates

- ★ Creating more user friendly curriculum documents
 - Clearer alignment to student learning outcome
 - Targeted selection of NJSLS per unit
- ★ Use of a larger collection of curricular resources:
 - New phonics and word study program grades 1-4.
 - Heinemann Reading and Writing Resources
 - New Literary Texts
 - Supplemental resources for vocabulary and grammar to target student learning outcomes identified in the NJSLS
- ★ Revised themes for grades 11 & 12.

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Foundational Reading Resources



Blast/HD Word

Blast and HD Word explicitly teach phonemic awareness, phonics concepts, and word attack skills. They also focus on reading accurately, which translates to better comprehension. The lessons are research-based, multisensory and have been found to be highly effective via independent research studies.

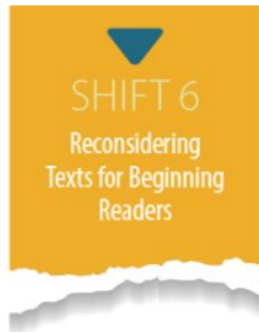
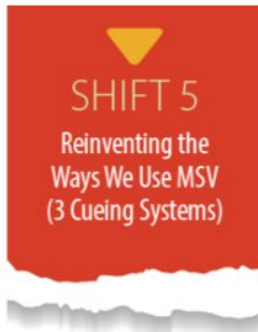
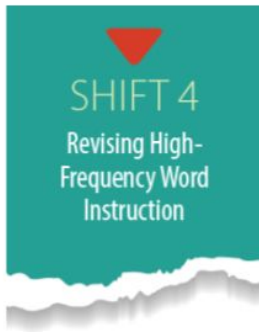
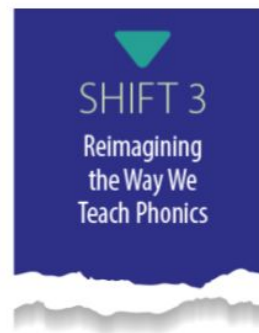
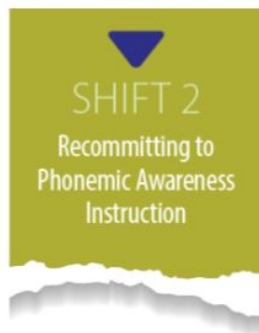
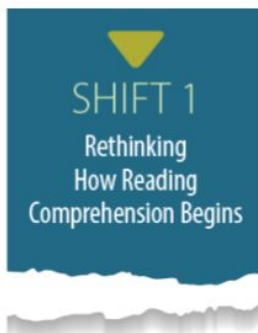
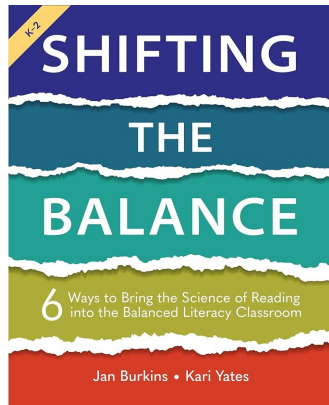


UFLI Foundations

UFLI Foundations was developed by researchers from the University of Florida Literacy Institute. It is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading and was designed to be utilized as a core program or as an intervention.



Shifting the Balance Book Study



Phonics, Phonological Awareness, & Encoding

- ★ Really Great Reading Company Resources
 - Grounded in the most current reading research
 - Grades 1-4 alignment with fidelity
- ★ OHES school-wide focus book and professional resources: ***Shifting the Balance: 6 Ways to Bring the Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom***
- ★ Continued implementation of Early Bird Literacy Screener and STAR360 in addition to continued teacher support around data-driven instruction
- ★ Increasing resources aligned with new reading research in our Academic Support services.

Summary Takeaways

- ★ Primary curricular focus in on designing a user friendly that achieves the NJSLA ELA 2023
- ★ K-5 shift toward a responsive literacy model
 - Fiscally responsible choices in new resources
 - Continued use of current core-instructional resources in alignment with the NJSLA 2023
 - Integration of research-aligned additional resources
- ★ Focus on a K-12 skills and knowledge progression
- ★ Ongoing, job-embedded professional development support for teachers