

Who is the reading specialist at Pleasant Valley?

Hello! I am Lauren Yearsley, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Pleasant Valley team! I joined Peters Township School District most recently after working as an itinerant reading specialist and math interventionist throughout Allegheny County. I attended Duquesne University for both undergraduate and graduate school where I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-6 and a Master's Degree in Reading and Language Arts. My love of reading inspired me to become a reading specialist. I am a Pittsburgh native who can often be found running in Frick Park, reading, and spending time with my dog, Ted.

What is Acadience?

Acadience is a screener that assesses the five foundational skills of reading. It helps to identify students at risk for reading difficulties.

1. **Phonemic awareness:** The ability to hear, identify, and work with individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words. (First Sound Fluency - K) (Phoneme Segmentation Fluency - K, 1)
2. **Phonics:** An understanding that there is a relationship between the letters of written language and the sounds of the spoken language. (Letter Naming - K,1) (Nonsense Words - K, 1, 2)
3. **Fluency:** The capacity to read text accurately and with a smooth rate. (All Assessments)
4. **Vocabulary:** The knowledge of words that students must possess to communicate effectively. (Oral Reading Fluency - 1, 2, 3) (Retell - 1, 2, 3)
5. **Comprehension:** The ability to understand and gain meaning from what has been read. (Retell - 1, 2, 3) (MAZE - 3)

Why is reading intervention important and what does it look like?

During reading intervention, students are given the support and practice needed in various areas of reading. These small group lessons involve research-based interventions that are explicit and systematic. The instruction delivered is tailored to the students' specific needs. In addition, throughout this process, progress is checked bi-monthly or monthly. The results are tracked so we can see how your child's reading is progressing. It is essential for our students to build upon these foundational reading skills for them to be successful readers later.

Parent Resources :

<https://www.fcrr.org/>

www.starfall.com

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.reallygreatreading.com/lettertiles/>

www.abcya.com

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