



EASTPOINTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Eastpointe Community Schools K-5 Literacy Essentials Handbook. This handbook was designed for elementary school staff as a support of district literacy expectations. Over the last few years, our K-5 buildings have undergone significant changes in our K-5 Literacy curriculum. With the goal of *“Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day,”* we are raising early literacy achievement. The Michigan Early Literacy Task Force notes, *“High levels of student achievement will result only when core instructional practices are defined and educator and systems supports are in place to contribute to literacy success for every student.”*

As an active member of your building’s Literacy Team, this handbook will help you understand the Ten Essential Instructional Practices, as well as the district’s essential literacy structure, Power Standards, Strategy Implementation Guides (SIGs), Reader’s Workshop, Guided Reading, Phonics/Word Study, Assessments/Benchmarks, and other district approved materials.

Let this handbook be a guide as you facilitate the literacy development of your students.