

Literacy Forward

The Fly Five curriculum and Avenue A, a publishing imprint, both promote a literacy-forward approach and include literacy components that foster reading, writing, speaking, and listening to reinforce students' social, emotional, and academic development. Some of the literacy components include SEL short stories, an interactive student journal, and explicit vocabulary development. The literacy components are all developmentally appropriate and student centered, allowing all types of learners to practice literacy through social and emotional learning.

"these kids are really leaning into [Fly Five]. This gives them the language and empowers them to say [what] they have been trying to say. Whether it's sorting out who was first in line or who hurt someone's feelings in the lunchroom."

— Erin Moore, Fly Five educator



Literacy Integration

Teachers can implement literacy skills through the following curriculum components

LISTENING

- Interactive Learning Structures
- The Mindful Student
- K-2 Scenario Cards
- SEL Read-Alouds
- The Adventures of the Center City Kids Read-Aloud Book Series

SPEAKING

- Collaborative Discussion
- Interactive Learning Structures

READING

- SEL Read-Alouds
- SEL Vocabulary
- The Adventures of the Center City Kids Read-Aloud Book Series

WRITING

- K-8 Student Journal
- The Adventures of the Center City Kids Instructional Guide

Benefits of a Literacy-Forward Approach

Integrating SEL with literacy allows students to develop the following skills:

- Critical thinking
- Effective communication
- Appreciation of diverse perspectives
- Sound decision-making
- Problem-solving for self and groups
- Understanding of the world and themselves

