

Literacy Framework Overview

–The Literacy Framework is a comprehensive, research-based framework that defines the essential elements of literacy learning and invites Cornerstone team members to contribute a wide range of instructional strategies designed to help children develop in each essential area.

The Cornerstone Literacy Framework

- Ensures depth and focus on what matters most for children's learning.
- Assumes high levels of intellectual development for all children.
- Accommodates state standards and helps teachers focus on content most crucial to their students' literacy learning.

The Literacy Framework Layers

1. **Teaching Intentions** are the objectives on which **teachers** will focus with students.
2. **Learning Outcomes** define **students'** learning outcomes in language familiar to them.
3. **Research** connects the Literacy Framework to literacy theory.
4. **Exemplars** are exemplary lessons developed by Cornerstone participants.
5. **Teaching Reflections** are Cornerstone teachers' thoughts about their practice and suggestions for colleagues within the Cornerstone network.

Each level contains the following learning opportunities:

| Learning Opportunities | Reading | Writing | Speaking/Listening | Living Language |
|------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Crafting | | | | |
| Composing Meaning | | | | |
| Invitational Groups | | | | |
| Reflection | | | | |

The Framework is Available in Print, CD ROM, and Web Versions

Print

The print version is available in the Tool Kit binders issued to each Cornerstone school. This version has drawbacks since some portions of the Framework are perpetually a work in progress and cannot be included in the printable version.

CD ROM

A CD is available that represents the print version and appears in the binder.

Web

The web version of the Framework features interactive links to Research, Exemplars, and Teaching Reflections not included in the print version. Many of the Tool Kit documents can be downloaded and printed directly from the website.

To access the web version of the Framework go to <http://www.cornerstoneliteracy.org/>.

1. Click on the link "Literacy Framework."
2. Login to the site. If you don't know your school's login information, please contact a Cornerstone representative.
3. Click the "Go" button. You will need JavaScript enabled to view the web version. Contact a Cornerstone's technology representative if you have questions.
4. Select the level, focus, and learning opportunity you would like to view.