



## C.W. Shipley Elementary School Video Reflection Guide

This video shares how educators at C.W. Shipley Elementary School have been implementing a new reading curriculum. For educators interested in applying lessons learned from the video to their district or school context, this accompanying reflection guide offers questions to consider after watching the video, as well as some additional resources.

### Embracing New Ideas

*I would suggest for teachers and schools that are trying to implement a new reading curriculum that you keep an open mind. Whether you're a teacher that's new to the profession or whether you're a teacher that's been, you know, 10, 15, 20 years in, there's always new things to be learned and there's always things that we can improve upon.* – Seth Robertson, Fourth Grade Teacher

- What are some new approaches to teaching (or another element of your work) that you've embraced?
- Are there any practices you were unsure of at first, where the outcomes have surprised you?

### Early Evidence of Change

*One of the things that I have noticed, informally, with my students is that they are able to carry over the skills that they have learned into their journal writing. We have been focusing a lot on long vowels with the magic E on the end. And when I see it in their writing, and I see their faces light up, that's one of the ways that I can tell it's definitely transferred.* – Carolyn, First Grade Teacher

- Continuous school improvement requires identifying evidence that changes in practices are working – but in the early months of trying something new, that evidence may not be immediately obvious. How does your district or school go about setting short-term benchmarks that will help you determine if you are on the right track?

### Additional Resources

[C.W. Shipley Elementary School](#): Read C.W. Shipley Elementary School's National Blue Ribbon Schools program application to learn more about how they approach instruction and support for students in all areas.

[Literacy and Writing in National Blue Ribbon Schools](#): Learn more about effective practices related to literacy and writing from other National Blue Ribbon schools.