Students at Walter F. Robinson Community School Use Innovative Comprehensive Digital Intervention program called iLit

Dr. Walter F. Robinson Community School Grade 6-8 Bilingual Language Arts classes have begun the use of an innovative comprehensive digital intervention program called iLit. This program is built to support English Language Development.

With this program, students can increase language skills through word study and development of fluency with the English language. Students learn common grammar errors and gain conversational fluency using recorded oral reading. The digital content and reading resources are meant to accelerate language development using surveys, translation in 45 languages, academic language lessons, research based strategies, and point-of-use grammar lessons specific to English learners.

Support tools make challenging texts and vocabulary available to students using the iLit program. Lessons can be differentiated for various English language and reading ability levels to align to WIDA and state Language Arts standards. Immediate feedback is given to students through a “Performance Dashboard”. This feedback is important to teachers using the iLit program as well. The overview of the class performance data can be used in monitoring and controlling student lesson progress.

According to Grade 6-8 Spanish Bilingual Teacher Wilnelia Mercado, “As far as my class is concerned, iLit helps to keep students on task. I am able to broadcast the information onto their Chromebooks, which allows me to circulate the room and not worry about them going on to other sites while I am teaching a lesson or when I am helping another student. iLit also aids in reduction of excess paperwork. I can assign tasks and tests directly on the program and can see which students have completed the task/test and which students are still working.”

Nada Makary Grade 6-8 Arabic Bilingual Teacher says of the iLit program, “The iLit program is an educational program designed to help English Language Learners achieve in their goals. The program offers a vast variety of books and activities that will help accelerate the students’ literacy skills and language development. The best feature offered to the students on the iLit program is that the students can translate the novels they are reading in Arabic.”

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