



K-3 Early Literacy Initiative NEWSLETTER

September
Issue 9

Upcoming Events

WORKSHOPS

Sept21: K5 & 1st Grade Teachers

Sept28: 2nd & 3rd Grade Teachers

PROGRAM SUPPORT

Oct21-23: Fitiuta & Faleasao

Nov5-7: Olosega

DATA COLLECTION

*Sept24 & 25: Acadience Refresher

*Acadience Administration

Sept30-Oct11: Tutuila

Oct21 & Nov5: Manu'a



Welcome Back!

SY2024-25 marks the 4th year of the initiative and includes all K5-3rd grade classrooms. What a roll-out journey! September's focus is on transitioning students back into learning mode. Routines, introducing/reviewing program components, and prepping materials and resources. TEAM K-3 was out sorting and delivering with the warehouse crew. Plus workshops to support teachers & administrators. Classroom walkthroughs at some schools captured teachers in action! Awesome job teachers! More to come in the next issue! #EarlyLiteracy

HIGHLIGHT: Part I: What is the "Science of Reading?"

"The Science of Reading (SoR) is a vast, interdisciplinary body of scientifically based research about reading and issues related to reading and writing." The research has been conducted over the last five decades across the world, and derived from thousands of studies conducted in multiple languages. (Reading League)

The SoR is a body of evidence that tells us how students learn to read and includes evidence supporting phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics and word recognition, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. (TNTP October '23)

The SoR emphasizes the importance of teaching phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension explicitly and systematically. Educators need to use evidence-based instructional practices to help students develop these critical reading skills. (Lexia)

