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- TUESDAY TELEGRAPH -

News from the Office of Early Childhood Education at the DOE

- 1. Kindergarten & First Grade Common Core Pacing - vertical articulation between grade levels**
- 2. Early Learning Resources for the Fred Rogers Center - online and free @ "ELE"**
- 3. 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters - gradelevelreading.net - a campaign for grade-level reading**

1. Kindergarten & First Grade Common Core Pacing - vertical articulation between grade levels - As the start of the school year approaches, districts are encouraged to convene their Kindergarten and First Grade instructional teams to articulate the curriculum priorities for Kindergarten and First Grade coherence to the Common Core State Standards. **This is especially important for districts that provide ½ day Kindergarten programs.** The Common Core State Standards are designed for a full instructional day, K-12. Instructional Leaders and Classroom Teachers are encouraged to work together to agree on the mastery skills for students in ½ day Kindergarten programs, so that First Grade teachers can appropriately prepare for their benchmarking and initial instructional offerings.

2. Early Learning Resources for the Fred Rogers Center - online and free @ "ELE" - "ELE" - Early Learning Environment at the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning provides families, teachers and child care providers with access to more than 100 high quality e-books, videos, mobile apps, music and more, to promote early literacy and other learning for children from birth to age five. This online community is for families and professionals. Visit ELE at <http://ele.fredrogerscenter.org/>

3. 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters - www.gradelevelreading.net - a campaign for grade-level reading - The campaign is a collaborative effort by foundations, nonprofit partners, states and communities across the nation to close the gap in reading achievement that separates low-income students from their peers and to raise the bar for reading proficiency, so that all students are assessed by world-class standards. This site promotes community networks, media tool kits, research, bright spots that showcase schools and programs and more. For more about the campaign and the tools, visit: <http://www.gradelevelreading.net/>.

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