

BEYER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPARK

The **SPARK** Early Literacy Program brings literacy into all spheres of a child's life: school, home and community.

During each school day, students participate in 30 minute, one-on-one instructional tutoring sessions with a **SPARK** Instructor.

In the After School Achievement Program, students receive additional mentoring and have additional opportunities to participate in literacy games and fun activities.

SPARK also extends into the home with the family book bag program and family fun nights coordinated with ASAP and Beyer Elementary School.

All combined **SPARK** students gain confidence in their reading and comprehension skills that will impact classroom and personal success.



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Spheres of Proud Achievement in Reading for Kids



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School Sphere

INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENT

Each **SPARK** participant is scheduled to receive 3 half-hour lessons every week, during the school day. While the lesson plan precisely guides the tutor through the half hour, the specifics are designed for the individual student. Lesson components are research based, and include:

- * a familiar/warm up activity
- * word play
- * writing
- * reading at instructional level
- * tutor read aloud



Student progress is evaluated by:

- * a running record, every 3rd lesson
- * a formal PALS assessment 2 times a year
- * Early Literacy Assessment scores

PALS (Phonological Awareness & Literacy Screening) - a formal assessment to measure student's literacy abilities

Family Sphere

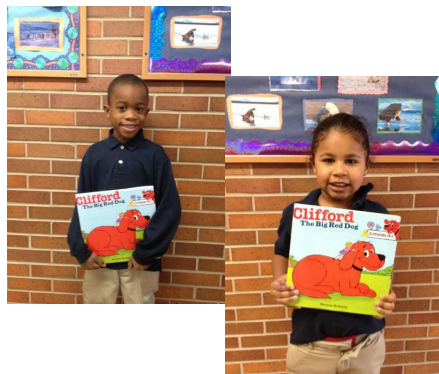
FAMILY SUPPORT COMPONENT

- * Regular contact with parents: building relationships
- * Home visits: meet families where they are
- * Family Events: involve families with school and **SPARK**
- * Family Home Library Program: take-home books with literacy activities

TAKE-HOME BOOKS

As a part of the **SPARK** program, once a month each student will receive a book to take home. Each book will have book activities families can do together.

“Clifford the Big Red Dog” was the first featured book



SPARK emphasizes the importance of keeping families engaged and involved in their children's academic successes.

Community Sphere-ASAP

ASAP COMPONENT



The mission of ASAP @RPS, After School Achievement Program, is to provide education and enrichment activities for area youth and families.

ASAP Program Goals

- * Increase academic achievement in reading, math and science
- * Provide opportunities for students to participate in enrichment activities in a safe, non-violent environment
- * Enhance partnerships to support life-time learning

KidzLit Reading Program

- * Reading enrichment program designed to increase motivation to read and builds literacy skills
- * Develops core values of helpfulness, fairness, and respect

