

Program Overview

Introduction

This guide examines the basic components of Scott Foresman Reading Street Texas 2011 and Calle de la Lectura, the parallel and completely equitable Spanish reading program. This program is a new Reading and Language Arts program for kindergarten through fifth grade, and is based on all new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Texas.

It is very easy to use Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura for Texas. This program has several mediums that include print, CD, DVD, and online formats. Teachers can use this program at any pace, because it is customized to meet teachers' TEKS. It also allows teachers to use the right skills at the right time.

Teacher's Editions

Teachers lead the way on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas. They should first look at the Texas First Stop.



This is a how-to guide and roadmap to help navigate the entire program. Here is where teachers will find the Research Base for Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas, including specific information about Assessment, Differentiated Instruction, English Language Learners (ELL), Customized Literacy, 21st century skills, and of course, the Texas Resources, including TEKS and English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) correlations.

Next, look at how Scott Foresman Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas introduce a whole new concept in Teacher’s Editions. At each grade level there are twelve trim, manageable, color-coded Teacher’s Editions stored in My Teaching Library.



Each new Teacher’s Edition fits into a book bag with ease. The new trim size is lighter than any Reading Teacher’s Edition ever before. However, the Teacher’s Edition is both trim and chunky. But how can it be trim *and* chunky? It is chunky, because it chunks the curriculum in three week increments. Each story tab highlights the weekly skills and TEKS that are addressed. Teachers will also find a correlation to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, DIBELS, and Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI).

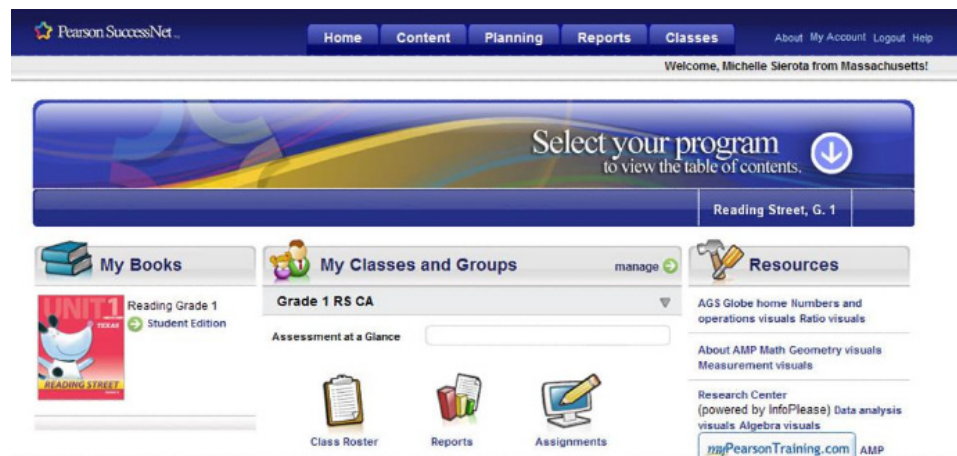
Teachers will find a flexible pacing plan and an assessment overview at the beginning of each unit.

In fact, the Teacher’s Editions are as easy as 1, 2, 3: one unit, two volumes, and tree weeks of instruction in each volume.

Tucked behind the Customize Literacy tab at the back of the Teacher’s Edition is where teachers will find a collection of Mini-Lessons that can be used with any choice of novels or trade books. This allows the program to be perfect for Balanced Literacy Classrooms.

This unique delivery system allows for greater pacing flexibility, while keeping the integrity of Pearson’s validated scope and sequence. This is just one of the ways teachers will be able to choose the Best Path and Pace based on the needs and interests of their students.

Teachers may choose to integrate the robust online resources in the digital path on Pearson SuccessNet.



SuccessNet is directly connected to the core program pedagogy, and serves as the digital hub of Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas. The digital path is like a virtual teaching assistant—it can assign

multimedia tasks, administer tests, and plan and record—all in a few simple clicks. Students who are digital natives will be captivated by the highly engaging activities that expand vocabulary comprehension, and concepts. The digital path also provides abundant opportunities to apply the TEKS in a digital format. If teachers or students don't have access to the Internet, that's okay. The SuccessNet resources are also available on CD and DVD.

Student Editions

Scott Foresman Reading Street introduces a "first" for kindergarten students—a soft cover book for every child. My Skills Buddy is designed to be a companion to the classroom content and serves as a handbook to apply and practice newly acquired skills.

At all grades, the Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas Student Edition is the heart and soul of both programs. All instruction is centered on the literature. Every week, students will read fiction and non-fiction, classics and soon to be classics. Compelling literature promotes critical thinking, cultural awareness, and an opportunity to apply new skills and strategies.

In Grade 1, there are six student books and in Grades 2-5 there are two student books. Teachers will find that on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas, the instruction is no longer hidden away in the Teacher's Edition. The instruction students need is right in the Student Edition. This also makes a great school-to-home connection when students bring the Student Edition home.

Each grade level begins with Envision IT!, a Visual Skills and Strategies Handbook that serves as a reference and review as students prepare for the TAKS test.

Understanding by Design

Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas are built around the Grant Wiggins' Understanding by Design Model of Instruction.

Big Question

Each unit focuses on a Big Question that connects all Reading, Vocabulary, and Writing for a full six weeks.



This question guides teachers instruction as they teach their students new unit concepts, literature, and skills. The Big Question always relates Science or Social Studies content.

Paired Selections

Each week the main selection and the paired selection give students the opportunity to read across texts and find support for the different genres that are called for in the new TEKS. These include genres like biographies, fables, folk tales, and fairy tales.

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics are critical skills emphasized in the TEKS. In the primary grades, students use the Let's Listen For pages in their Student Edition to listen for sounds in pictures that contain target sounds and rhymes.



To practice segmenting and blending, a Success Predictor for these priority skills, students use these Student Edition pages and Sound-Spelling cards.

In the digital path the Sound-Spelling Cards allow students to listen to sounds and words. The "drag and drop" Letter Tile Activities will provide interactive practice. The online Decodable Readers have audio and word-by-word highlighting to support emerging readers.

Calle de la Lectura Texas follows a traditional phonics scope and sequence, but in a unique way that presents closed syllables early so students are making and decoding more words sooner.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary development takes a front seat on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas. Tested words, story words, and high frequency words all contribute to the vast number of new vocabulary presented at each grade.

Every week in Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas, teachers will find vocabulary skill and strategy instruction in the Student Edition.

Amazing Words, the term for the oral vocabulary which is so central to student success, are introduced and integrated every week. Teachers will use the visuals on the Let's Talk About page in the Student Edition to initiate a discussion about the weekly concept. They will students through weekly routines for learning and using Amazing Words. Teachers can multiple exposures and practice opportunities each week, which will grant student ownership of this vocabulary. And the weekly Concept Talk video illustrates the Amazing Words in context.

Comprehension All roads lead to comprehension. The TEKS are the foundation for Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas skill and strategy instruction.

In the Student Edition, The Envision It! Comprehension Visual Skills and Strategies Handbook allows readers to experience the power of using skills and strategies together to make deep meaning from text. In the digital path, The Envision It! Handbook comes to life through animations that illustrate the skills and strategies students are applying.

Also in the Student Edition, students have the opportunity to preview a target comprehension skill and strategy and apply in the literature they will be reading that week. Teachers have the opportunity to use these lessons to frontload skill and strategy instruction.

On Reading Street Calle de la Lectura Texas, the success predictor for comprehension is retelling. Students practice retelling by using the retelling strips in the Student Edition, using cards at practice stations, and using the digital path in the multi-media story sort.

All programs have questions after the main selection, but in Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas the students have to answer questions that require higher order thinking. Question 2 is always labeled "Think Like an Author," a TAKS tested skill.

When readers need Just Right Text for skill and strategy application your Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas leveled libraries (print, online, and DVD) deliver the same target skills and strategies in a conceptually-related reader at the appropriate reading level. The leveled reader database allows access to well over 2,000 titles searchable by level, skill, topic, and concept.

English Language Learners

Reading Street Texas is designed to integrate ELLs from the very beginning. Frontloading of concepts, vocabulary, and skills give ELLs more immediate and efficient access to the core instruction.

Teachers are given support for ELLs at point-of-use in the core lessons without interrupting the flow of instruction. Teachers have specific English language proficiency standards support for small group and differentiated instruction located at the end of every week in the Teacher's Edition.

Teachers can find a multitude of resources in the ELL Handbook. This handbook provides excellent visual on-ramps for building background in concepts and vocabulary beginning in the Student Edition. Teachers will also find these on-ramps in the two ELL libraries that serve the full range of English Language Proficiencies.

Writing

Writing is extremely important in the life of the classroom. On Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas, children write every day.

Their writing should be connected to the same big questions, topics, and genres they have been exploring in their reading. They respond to literature, write journal entries, and of course, learn to write like authors.

Use tips from The Write Guy, Jeff Anderson, a Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas author, in the Teacher’s Edition to help turn strong readers into strong writers.

On the Let’s Write It! pages of the Student Edition, students find genre definitions, prompts, checklists, and models to support the writing process.

Conventions are also addressed within the model writing. But, if teachers want their students to understand grammar and usage even better, they can access Grammar Jammers on the digital path. These are toe-tapping animated songs and rhymes that support the weekly convention skill.

There is also a Customize Writing tab in the Teacher’s Edition for additional writing instructional support.

21st Century Skills—Media Literacy

Preparing students for life in the 21st century begins on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas. Dr. Don Leu, exclusive Scott Foresman author and foremost expert on new literacies, tells teachers about this vital instruction they will only find on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas.

The Internet Guy will be someone that students will come to know as their guide for all things Internet.



Assessment and Intervention

“To teach *all* children, you must teach *each* child”, is one of the guiding principles on Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas.

The Don't Wait Until Friday feature in the Teacher's Edition guides teachers to monitor progress consistently to determine student acquisition of skills called for in the TEKS.

STEP 2 Monitor Progress *Don't Wait Until Friday*

Use these tools during lesson teaching to **monitor student progress**.

- **Skill and Strategy** instruction during reading
- **Don't Wait Until Friday** boxes to check retelling, fluency, and oral vocabulary.
- **Weekly Assessment** on Day 5 checks comprehension and fluency.
- **Reader's and Writer's Notebook** pages at point of use

Weekly Tests Fresh Reads for Fluency and Comprehension

Every Day 5, use oral and written assessments to further confirm progress.

Digital resources such as ExamView and pearsonsuccessnet.com allow teachers to customize tests and worksheets based on the TEKS in seconds. The digital path has weekly, benchmark, and TAKS practice tests. Remediation activities are accessible for any additional practice indicated.

The Teacher's Edition makes it easy for teachers to plan differentiated instruction and assess students. Teachers will find a flexible pacing plan and an assessment overview at the onset of each unit. Use the snap-in bookmark to quickly access the small group lessons at the end of each week in the Teacher's Edition.

Response to Intervention kits are an additional instructional resource offering increased intensity and progress monitoring in the five essential elements of reading—Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension.

Review

Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas are an innovative and adaptable approach to teaching reading in today's classroom.

This guide explained the key program features of the program. It showed teachers how to choose a path on Reading Street or Calle de la Lectura Texas—whether that path is print, CD, DVD, online, or any combination that suits teachers' needs.

This guide also showed how Concept Development bolsters student learning by building background knowledge and making connections across text and across content areas.

It explored how students develop reading and writing skills using Reading Street and Calle de la Lectura Texas.

Finally, this guide explained that teachers can choose any pace to meet their teaching preferences and students' needs—all while still getting all the TEKS on time before the test.

For a tour of the full range of online features for students in the digital path, view digital path DVD, also found in Test Drive.

Take some time to preview the Digital Overview CD/DVD and see the robust digital path that aligns each week of instruction on the Reading Street program.

For more information, visit TexasReadingStreet.com or TexasCalledeLectura.com for the most updated information about Reading Street Texas and Calle de la Lectura.