

Transforming Early Literacy with CAPIT Reading

A Success Story from
St. Eugene Catholic School

Los Angeles, CA

THE SCHOOL

St. Eugene Catholic School, founded in 1948 in Los Angeles, California, is dedicated to fostering the holistic development of students from TK to 8th grade. With a mission centered on collaborative learning, self-respect, and spiritual growth, the school instills values that guide its students to become lifelong learners, engaged community members, effective communicators, and globally aware citizens. Through small class sizes and personalized instruction, St. Eugene creates a close-knit and supportive educational environment for its students.



THE NEED

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, Ms. Johnson, a kindergarten teacher at St. Eugene, set a goal for all her students to master reading. After learning about the CAPIT Reading Curriculum at the Virtual Private Schools Conference, Ms. Johnson saw its potential to benefit her students and secured a CAPIT Reading Grant with the support of St. Eugene's principal, Dr. Celynda Kingsby.

St. Eugene tests students with STAR Early Literacy assessments three times per year and Dr. Kingsby aimed to track the success of the CAPIT program through these test scores. The school didn't have to wait long to see improvements in their students' reading skills. Dr. Kingsby, impressed with CAPIT's swift impact, stated, "[The August STAR] scores were rather low, so we knew we had a lot of work to do to increase them by the next window. With the implementation of CAPIT, the children were able to build their phonics skills. They were blending and decoding, [learning] CVC words, even CVC silent 'e' words. When we took the second window STAR in January, the gains were incredible," emphasizing the program's efficacy in enhancing literacy skills at St. Eugene.

THE IMPLEMENTATION

After implementing CAPIT in Ms. Johnson's kindergarten classroom in August, the power of the curriculum was immediately apparent. Ms. Johnson's students use the program daily, participating in group instruction and individual practice. "I think CAPIT has been an excellent confidence booster for them," observed Ms. Johnson, "A lot of them were very insecure about their reading or were apprehensive to read in front of me, and I can see them opening up."

With CAPIT, students work through lessons and levels at their own pace. The program alerts the teacher when students need extra help so that Ms. Johnson can help all her students—no matter their skill level—master foundational reading skills.

"I've tried other programs in our classroom before, but the kids just weren't attached to them. Then we got CAPIT, and I feel like everything really began to click for them."

—Kamaryn Johnson, Kindergarten teacher at St. Eugene Catholic School

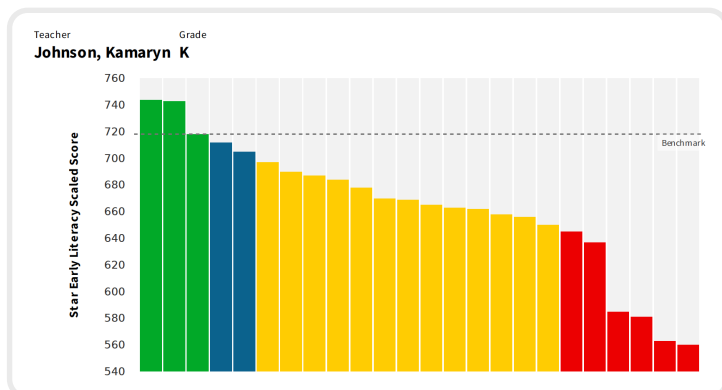


RESULTS

Ms. Johnson's kindergarten students began using the program in August 2023 and have shown significant gains in reading and spelling achievement. We can see these gains through CAPIT data and STAR Early Literacy test scores.

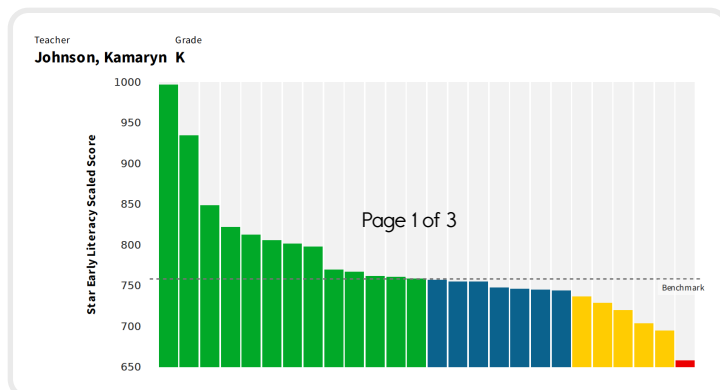
● At/Above Benchmark ● On Watch ● Intervention ● Urgent Intervention

Fall 2023



Before CAPIT, only three students in Ms. Johnson's class were at or above grade-level benchmarks. 2 students were on watch, 13 were on intervention, and 6 were on urgent intervention.

Winter 2024



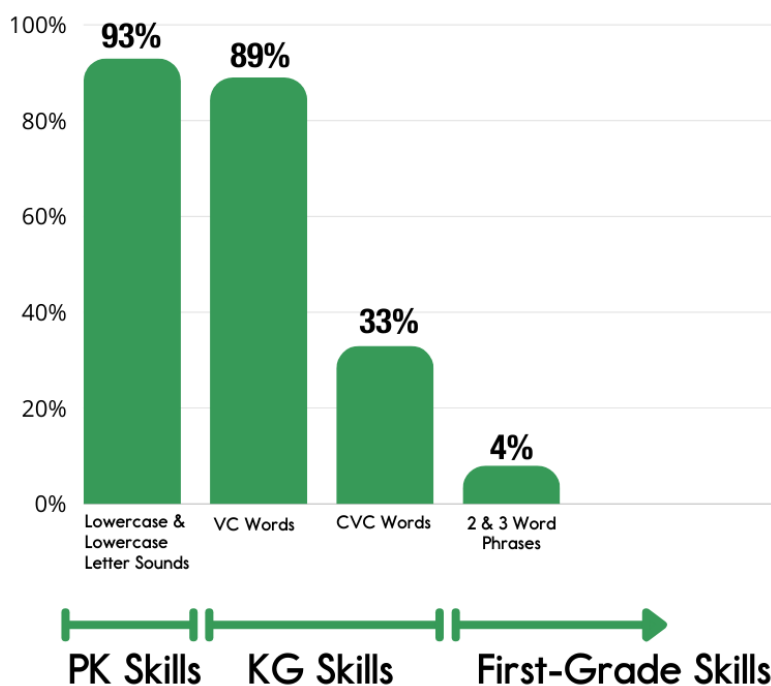
After only 5 months, CAPIT has greatly improved testing scores. Ms. Johnson now has 13 students at or above grade level, 7 on watch, 5 on intervention, and only 1 student on urgent intervention.

“The learning gap? I don’t think our first-grade teachers will have one, and that’s all because of CAPIT.”

—Dr. Kingsby, Principal at St. Eugene Catholic School

RESULTS

Alternative text introduction of the data: The graph below shows the progress made by St. Eugene Catholic Kindergarten students in the 3.5 months between 9/18/2023 and 1/12/2024.



ABOUT CAPIT

Invest in Prevention and Do Less Intervention™
With a Tier 1 Comprehensive Phonics Curriculum.

We partner with schools and districts to transform PK-2 literacy by providing a science-based, research-proven comprehensive Phonics Curriculum that prioritizes **prevention instead of intervention** to guarantee all students meet grade-level expectations.

Our curriculum is grounded in the Science of Reading and the Structured Literacy framework and easily complements any English Language Arts curriculum. With a focus on **learning and not gaming**, CAPIT engages students with explicit and systematic phonics instruction and rigorous skills practice on an interactive, feedback-rich platform.

The CAPIT Curriculum is easy to implement, and its digital platform provides real-time, actionable data on student performance, empowering teachers and administrators to track and support every student.

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