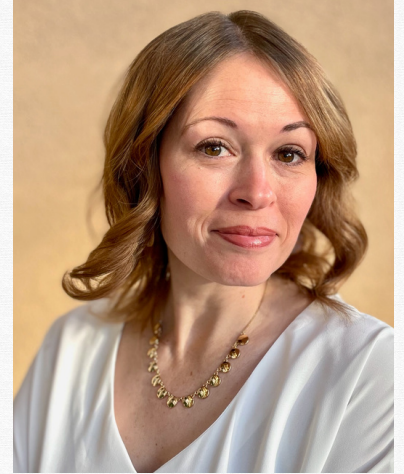


# COURTNEY RICHARDSON

*Literacy Consultant*

## Vision

I believe every student can learn to read, and my goal is to foster a love of reading in students by providing them with a toolbox of literary strategies that they can utilize to become confident, proficient readers.



## Experience

I have had the privilege of teaching students ranging from Pre-K to 6th grade, assuming various roles such as primary teacher, reading intervention teacher, and special education support. My training includes Jan Richardson's Guided Reading program and LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), equipping me with effective strategies for fostering literacy skills. Throughout my teaching journey, I have implemented a diverse range of literacy curricula, including Literacy Footprints, Fountas & Pinnell, Benchmark, and Amplify. Additionally, I incorporate interactive reading and writing techniques into my whole-group instruction, while also employing a traditional writer's workshop model.

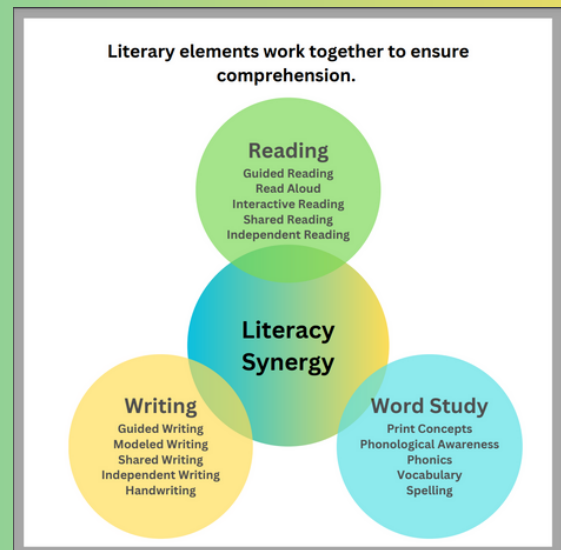
## Education

- Master of Education-Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Arts-Communication Studies
- Reading Endorsement
- LETRS Certified



## Values

In my experience, I have discovered that small-group settings provide the most effective and research-based approach to reading instruction. This approach allows for thorough assessment and individualized attention to address each student's specific needs, ensuring that skills are targeted accordingly. I firmly believe that a comprehensive reading program should incorporate all essential elements of instruction, as outlined by the 2000 National Reading Panel. These elements include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, which together form the foundation for a well-rounded reading curriculum.





# Testimonials

*"Fabulous lesson, well structured and sequenced. Students started out in a whole group setting, then broke into small groups for rotations and guided reading. You took them through a great many language-rich activities and they had a chance to extend it in centers."*

*-Ivanna Austell, Principal, Piñon Elementary School, November 4, 2019*



*"Courtney is a very professional, kind teacher with an incredible knowledge of literacy. She uses small group instruction for reading and writing, and instructs in a way that utilizes student's strengths in order to accelerate their literacy skills. Courtney is a truly talented educator."*

*-Alisa Rolfe, Reading Intervention Specialist, Aspen Elementary, June 14, 2023*

*"Your consistent and encouraging instruction clearly supported student learning and progress. Your routines helped students know what to expect so they could focus on learning. Your ability to switch up activities kept your students engaged. It is remarkable how much your students have learned since the start of the year."*

*- Michele Altherr, Principal, Aspen Elementary, February 14, 2023*

*"Highly professional and engaged teacher...an incredible asset to the school!!"*

*-Ivanna Austell, Principal, Piñon Elementary School, April 28, 2020*

*"I observed students actively engaged and listening. Great lesson. It looked like everyone was on task and learning. Well done!"*

*- Shannon Trujillo, Vice Principal, Aspen Elementary, March 29, 2023*

## Training Topics:

- Guided Reading and Writing
- Word Study/Phonics
- Interactive Reading and Writing
- Literacy Centers (Keeping the Rest of the Class Engaged)
- Teaching Literacy in Pre-K
- Lesson Planning
- Organizing Your Literacy Block
- Assessments and Grouping
- Bridging Science of Reading Principles and Guided Reading

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