NEW MEMBER OF ELA STAFF

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Cassandra Matthews as the newest addition to the ELA staff. Dr. Matthews, the new ELA/K-5 Literacy program specialist, previously worked in Gwinnet County as an Instructional Coach. Prior to that, she spent 12 years as a classroom teacher, new teacher mentor, and Reading Specialist at Nesbit Elementary School in Gwinnett County. Dr. Matthews also worked as a third grade teacher at Scotts Branch Elementary School in Baltimore County, Maryland and as a second grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary School in Newport News, Virginia.

Dr. Matthews holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Hampton University, a Masters degree from Walden University, in Reading and Literacy, and a Specialist and Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education from Georgia State University.

Outside of work, Cassandra enjoys seeking out new local restaurants and traveling. She also enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and mentoring young women.

A NOTE ABOUT ELA RESOURCES

The newly revised Teacher Guidance Documents have been posted on the georgiastandards.org website: [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org). Here is a direct link to the K—5 page on GSO: [https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/ELA-K-5.aspx](https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/ELA-K-5.aspx)

Click on the grade band that you need. Then you will see the blue box populated with those grade levels on the right-hand side.

Click on the + sign by the grade level, and a drop-down list of resources will appear. The first bullet will house the standards, and the second bullet will be the Teacher Guidance documents.

GPB TEACHER VIDEOS COMING SOON

Georgia Classrooms, Live! will launch this fall featuring Georgia classrooms representing grades K—12. Stay tuned. The videos will be posted on georgiastandards.org.
In partnership with other state agencies that partner in the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, GaDOE sent books to all Georgia Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students using remaining Race to the Top funds. These books are for children to read at school and at home. Families can use the link printed on the inside cover to access more information and opt-in to a texting service about how to support children’s literacy development.

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ELA Resources on georgiastandards.org:
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