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| **We Believe****In a Balanced Literacy Approach to Early Literacy** |

* **The Literacy in Laurens Framework of ELA Instruction is not something you buy, it is something you do.**
* **“We believe in keeping our focus on teaching children not teaching programs.”**
* **We believe in examining “The What” and “The How” before we decide “With What.”**
* **The What-5 Pillars of Early Literacy**
* **The How-Framework Components**
* **With What-Instructional Resources**
* **We believe in Reading Conferencing to be an integral part of Independent Reading time.**
* **We believe the Literacy Block is SACRED!**
* **This block is for direct instruction in phonics, reading, and writing.**
* **While we understand things happen (kids get behind when they are out, the math lesson may need to be extended, etc.) the literacy block is not the appropriate time to complete these types of tasks.**
* **Remember that we are trying to maximize the minutes of direct instruction for every child.**

(See the attached PowerPoint Presentation for Further Explanation.)