



## Layers of Literacy - Middle School 6-9 (Reading)



PRESENTED BY

**Miriam Ramzy & Michelle Bence**



### SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
February 05, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
February 29, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
April 09, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
May 09, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM



### LOCATION

**SAPDC Learning Suite - 2219 14 Avenue  
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**\$70.00**

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## Program

Join Michelle Bence and Miriam Ramzy for a 4-part series digging into the Layers of Reading targeting Middle School Students. Together, we will unpack the research around reading instruction in Jr High, and look at the essential role of disciplinary literacy to support the reading journeys of your students. We will share many strategies and tools that you can carry into your classrooms to support the reading development for all of your learners.

### **February 5th (Afternoon, In-person)**

In this first session, we will provide an overview of how reading develops, and will preview the Layers of Reading Development graphic. Next, we will dig into Word Study. Together, we will explore the complexities of English, and how, through a pattern-seeking approach, we can support students in working with letter representations for reading and writing success.

### **February 29th (Afternoon, Virtual)**

In our second session, we will take a deep dive into morphology and syllable patterns. We will look at the role of these 2 concepts in supporting middle school students to read and understand complex vocabulary and content specific words.

\* Holy Spirit Teachers are gathering at Holy Spirit Office - others welcome to join or gather remotely.

### **April 9th (Afternoon, Virtual)**

In this session, our target will be Tier 2 vocabulary words, one of the biggest indicators of success in school from grade 4 through post-secondary education. We will look at why this is an essential element of instruction, and what this can look like in middle school.

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### **May 9th (Afternoon, In-person)**

In our final session together, we will bring everything together through Fluent Comprehension. We will look to ways in which we can support all students to deeply understand text, including text across the disciplines.

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## **Presenters**

### **Miriam Ramzy**

Miriam Ramzy works with a leading school division in Alberta. The focus of her education, teaching practice, and professional development has been on early learning and literacy. Miriam has her Ph.D. from the University of Calgary; her doctoral work looked at early literacy learning in a grade one setting, with an emphasis on writing instruction and the role of printing and word study. Her passion for supporting teachers in building powerful literacy classrooms where all learners experience success drives her work.

### **Michelle Bence**

Michelle's passion is literacy. She is an enthusiastic educator with over 18 years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist. Over the past few years, Michelle has worked extensively with school boards across Alberta, investigating professional teacher learning and evidence-based early literacy practice. Currently, Michelle is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Calgary, examining the connection between oral language development and early literacy acquisition.

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## **Registration Notes**

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