



As we welcome 2024, building a better future for the students of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park continues to be the goal of EPAK and those who teach our students. Educators have long asserted the direct connection between writing and reading. Becoming a competent writer fosters literacy in under-served students.

Literacy teacher Kristina T. from East Palo Alto Charter School wrote to us in December:

*Having a writing curriculum and materials based on the science of reading has already made a significant difference for my students in both their willingness to write as well as the quality of their writing. As we as a school continue to move away from the workshop model and towards a structured literacy model, it has been helpful to not only have materials that I can directly use with students and trusted resources that I can use to support teachers. **Being able to provide more direct, explicit instruction with the materials I purchased with my EPAK grant has really helped build my students' confidence and feel more capable when assigned a writing task. Thank you EPAK!***



You make this important student literacy growth possible as we work toward promoting academic success and confidence for the students we support.

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