At the heart of Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) is a content-rich curriculum that intentionally and coherently builds knowledge early, and with increasing depth over the grade levels, so students become strong independent readers, critical thinkers, and problem-solvers ready for success in school and beyond.

As the foundation of a literacy-rich learning environment and at the heart of CKLA, knowledge-based learning will:

**Place knowledge at the center** | CKLA exposes students to science, social studies, literature, and the arts through a coherent sequence of rich background knowledge that builds within and across grade levels.

**Engage, inspire, spark passion** | CKLA offers authentic opportunities for students to explore a wealth of topics that introduce them to future possibilities in school and life. With a broad knowledge base, students can expand their interests, while practicing reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

**Connect knowledge and skills to build comprehension** | It’s not enough to be able to just decode the words on the page. With CKLA, students build background knowledge to access and unpack complex text, so real comprehension can happen.
The TRUE CKLA AH-HA moment is when [the teachers] read the actual activities and questions being asked and compare those between their current core program and CKLA...**BOOM!** They go weak in the knees...THEY, FOR THE FIRST TIME...UNDERSTAND what they are NOT doing to meet the standards..."

*CKLA Administrator, Michigan*

What makes CKLA unique:

Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) is the only PreK–5 reading program that reflects what educators, cognitive scientists, and researchers already know: Background knowledge and foundational skills are the keys to early literacy and long-term success.

- **A coherent sequence of rich content knowledge** across social studies, science, literature, and the arts.
- **A systematic approach to developing decoding and foundational skills** through rigorous, explicit instruction.
- **Access to core content for English Language Learners** through integrated scaffolds and a flexible English Language Learner companion.
- **A comprehensive integrated curriculum** for reading, writing, speaking, and listening instruction that supports every learner.

“**CKLA feels like giving water to people who have been lost in the desert!”**

Bring knowledge-based learning to your classroom. Contact 800-823-1969 or visit amplify.com/ckla.