

Dr. Piasta will be accepting applications from students seeking to begin a Ph.D. with an early literacy research focus in the 2025-2026 academic year!



The [Early Literacy and Learning Lab \(EL³\)](#) is Dr. Piasta's research group in the [College of Education and Human Ecology](#) at [The Ohio State University](#) located within the [Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy](#). We are committed to collaboratively conducting and sharing high-quality research to support children's literacy development. Here are examples of projects and podcasts:

- [Let's Know!2](#)
- [Best Practices in Alphabet Instruction](#)
- [Nemours BrightStart! Emergent Literacy Intervention](#)
- [Impact of Literacy Professional Development](#)
- [CREATE-EBP](#)
- [Coming soon – Optimizing PreK and K PA Instruction](#)
- [Melissa & Lori Love Literacy podcast, E180](#)
- [See Speak Hear podcast, E43](#)
- [Teaching Literacy podcast, E37](#)
- [Circle Time podcast, ABCs + PA](#)

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Dr. Piasta is committed to supporting the next generation of early literacy researchers. **EL³** Ph.D. trainees join team projects to gain hands-on experience conducting school-based and in-lab research studies (recruitment, intervention, assessment, protocol and measure development, data management). Students are highly engaged in quantitative data analysis and dissemination activities, including dissemination to practitioners and other education stakeholders. *Dr. Piasta has funding for at least two new incoming Ph.D. students starting in Autumn, 2025.*

Dr. Piasta's doctoral advisees enroll in the Literacies, Literature, and Learning specialization in the [Department of Teaching and Learning](#). Ph.D. [applications](#) are due **December 1, 2024**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out to Dr. Piasta (Piasta.1@osu.edu) ahead of application submission to discuss overlap in research interests; in their application, they should indicate in the personal statement that they have interest in working with Dr. Piasta and/or other specific faculty within the program. Questions about the Ph.D. program or application process can be directed to tl-academicsservices@osu.edu.