

Dr. Piasta will be accepting applications from students seeking to begin a Ph.D. with an early literacy research focus in the 2024-2025 academic year!



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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](#) and 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 recent projects and podcasts:

- [Let's Know!2](#)
- [Best Practices in Alphabet Instruction](#)
- [Promoting Preschoolers' Early Language Learning](#)
- [Teachers' Content Knowledge of Oral Language](#)
- [Assessing Preschool Professionals' Learning Experiences](#)
- [Nemours BrightStart! Emergent Literacy Intervention](#)
- [READ podcast, E44](#)
- [See Speak Hear podcast, E43](#)
- [Teaching Literacy podcast, E37](#)
- [Circle Time podcast, ABCs + PA](#)

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 one Ph.D. position starting in Autumn, 2024.*

Dr. Piasta's doctoral advisees enroll in the Reading and Literacy in Early and Middle Childhood Ph.D. program (soon to be renamed Literacies, Literature, and Learning) in the [Department of Teaching and Learning](#). Ph.D. [applications](#) are due **December 1, 2023**. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Piasta (Piasta.1@osu.edu) ahead of application submission to discuss overlap in research interests; they should indicate in their personal statement if they have interest in working with other faculty within the program. Questions about the Ph.D. program or application process can be directed to tl-academicsservices@osu.edu.