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Pilot Launch

Our official blended learning launch date is **October 2nd!** Our amazing pilot teachers have prepared for more than 9 months for this grand event. You are pioneers in the field of education and are breaking ground on the most modern teaching methods. There is much to be proud of!

Launch Preparedness

Like anything worth having, we have to put a little muscle into it. Our pilot teachers have attended over **40 hours** of professional development related to personalizing the learning environment for all students, becoming educated on the latest EdTech tool related to reading, comprehension, and fluency, and how to completely alter their physical classroom to incorporate flexible seating. They have tackled many hurdles and are ready to bring blended learning to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!



Mrs. Sharon Bryant (3rd grade teacher) welcomes her new class

There is a whole new reason to smile this year as a 3rd grader and it begins with their teacher. Mrs. Bryant is part of our very first Blended Learning pilot program. If you're wondering if Mrs. Bryant has taken up flying lessons, you might have to guess again. St. Catherine-St. Lucy School is part of a very special \$1 million grant that has allowed our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers to be professionally trained in personalizing each student's learning experience. We are 'piloting' this style of teaching and learning for the very first time in a strategic effort to make a major impact on every student's academic progress.





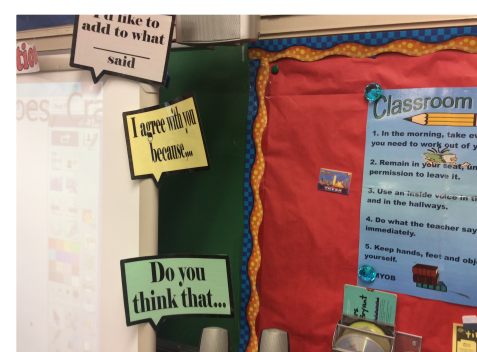
What exactly is "blended learning"?

- It is learner focused
- Web-based assessments (tests)
- Face to face sessions with the teacher
- Traditional study materials (printed)
- Digital visual learning
- Centered around personalized student learning goals

What will a blended learning program do for the students?

Blended learning combines the best teaching methods with an online education technology tool. The framework for this learning environment calls for formal and informal learning, social learning, and individual learning. There are opportunities to learn, create, and share in a supportive and collaborative environment that is personalized for every student.

Every student will be part of a classroom environment that is focused on learning experiences that meet them where they are academically. For instance, there are specific learning benchmarks that students need to meet in order to build a foundation for the next grade level, but not every student learns in the same way. Our teachers have been specially trained to provide individualized instruction across all subjects and we will add a new software called LEXIA. LEXIA is a cloud-based, reading software where each student will have their own account. Each student begins by completing an assessment (test) to determine what reading level they are at. Then, the software notes what reading level to begin at and helps the student develop solid reading skills to advance their reading level. This software was carefully selected among several outstanding technology pieces and will have a positive impact on every student.



Our blended learning classrooms sparkle with exciting new learning experiences and everyone's engaged!