



April 2026 EDITION

## April Showers ☔ Reading Powers!

This time of year reminds us that growth does not always happen in sunshine. Sometimes progress begins in the hard moments: the extra practice, the small breakthrough, the renewed confidence after struggle. In classrooms everywhere, educators are helping students grow through those “rainy day” moments and bloom into stronger, more confident readers.

We love to celebrate students growing after challenge, gaining confidence through consistency, and discovering that effort leads to real success. **Do you have a story like this to share?** Whether it is a class that rallied together, a student who found their confidence, or a creative way you motivated readers through a tough stretch, we want to hear it. [Click here to share](#), or tag us on our socials (@amiralearning).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We're Looking for Leaders 👤

Love using Amira and helping others grow? We're looking for educators who want to step into leadership, serve as Amira experts in their schools or districts, and help strengthen literacy in their communities.

As an Amira Champion, educators receive additional training, resources, and support to help drive successful implementation and mentor others along the way. The program is open to Amira educators who want to support Amira's mission and strengthen literacy in their school.

Sound like you? 🗣️

[JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF CHAMPIONS](#)

### Time to Get Pumped Up! 🏀

Hosting a Slam Dunk Stories reading competition at your school? [Play this video](#) to get students pumped and submit your bulletin board photos by May 1 for a chance to **win a mini Amira basketball hoop and ball**.



[PLAY THE VIDEO](#)

[ENTER THE CONTEST](#)

### New Podcast Episode

In the latest episode of **Champion Every Voice**, Dr. Christopher Blair shares insights from his experience as a former superintendent, longtime English teacher, and educational consultant. He discusses literacy at scale and explores how AI can support coherence from state policy to classroom instruction.

It's a great listen for educators thinking big about literacy impact.

[WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

[LISTEN ANYWHERE](#)

## PRODUCT UPDATES

### ASSESS: Subtest Audio Troubleshooting

Amira now monitors audio quality during assessment subtests and automatically intervenes when audio falls below an acceptable level. If poor audio is detected, Amira pauses at the end of the subtest and prompts the teacher to troubleshoot before the student continues. [Click here to learn more](#).



### INSTRUCT: Enhance Plan Button

New in Instruct is the **Enhance Plan** button. Rather than reviewing and accepting recommendations one by one, teachers can allow Amira to analyze the current plan and apply the most impactful improvements automatically.

This feature analyzes each student's learning path and applies the set of recommendations that best improves the overall class plan health while respecting instructional time and mastery data. With this update, instead of reviewing recommendations individually, teachers can let Amira apply the best improvements automatically.

[How to: Enhance Plan in the AI Lesson Planner](#)

**Note:** To access this feature, you'll need to move to **Upgraded AI Lesson Planner**. Connect with your success manager for more information.



## RESOURCES

### Benchmark Guide

Practical guide outlining what to do before, during, and after the Amira Benchmark assessment.

[BENCHMARK GUIDE](#)



### Amira Bingo

New Amira Reading Competition where students work toward Amira goals by completing squares on a bingo board.

[AMIRA COMPETITIONS](#)



### Desk Notes

Customizable notes to leave on students' desks. Write messages celebrating their effort, growth, or commitment during Amira time.

[DESK NOTES](#)



### Positive Notes Home

Customizable notes to share student reading wins with families. Share milestones, goals reached, progress, or praise for effort and focus during Amira time.

[POSITIVE NOTES HOME](#)



### Spring Break Resources

Two spring break resources: a **student packet** with reading activities and a **family letter** with reading support options for home.

[SPRING BREAK PACKET](#)

[FAMILY LETTER](#)



## REPORT OF THE MONTH

### Class Progress Report

As spring unfolds, educators are reflecting on how far students have come and where support is still needed before the end of the year.

The **Class Progress Report** brings benchmark and progress data into one easy-to-read view so teachers can see growth over time and make informed instructional decisions. It allows educators to compare student performance across key assessment windows and quickly identify which students are below, approaching, meeting, or above expectations.

This report is especially helpful in April because it supports one of the biggest goals of the season: recognizing growth. Just as spring reminds us that progress can emerge after a long season of challenge, the Class Progress Report helps teachers clearly see where students have made gains and where targeted support can help them bloom even more before EOY.

Teachers can use the report to:

- Compare growth across assessment windows
- Identify students who may need additional support before EOY
- Celebrate classwide progress
- Plan targeted small-group instruction based on current needs



[CLASS PROGRESS REPORT WALKTHROUGH](#)

