

Dual Language Weekly Focus

Bilingual Resource Centers: 3rd – 5th Grade

Bilingual Resource Centers (BRC) are designated areas within the classroom where students will research information for topics being studied **during the content area time**. As students engage in *inquiry-based/project-based learning*, they will need a wide variety of resources available to them to facilitate the discovery of information. The materials in the Bilingual Resource Centers should be in **English and Spanish** regardless of the Language of Instruction for the given content area. Will assist students in the learning of vocabulary in opposite LOI. However, although students use resources from both languages, they must complete assignments in LOI.

Bilingual Resource Centers are available for the content areas taught in the classroom (a self-contained teacher needs a BRC in all core subjects, a partner teacher only needs a BRC in the subjects he/she teaches).

Since **Bilingual Resource Centers** are utilized during classroom instruction as students engage in inquiry tasks and project-based learning, **it is not additional time that must be added to the schedule.**

Sample items for BRC (not an exhaustive list):

Mathematics:

calculators, take out menus, trade books, rulers, manipulatives, timelines, graphs, clocks, flash cards, posters, retail ads, sports box scores, statistics, catalogs, floor plans, directions from a build-it-yourself kit, cookbooks, conversion charts, mileage charts, receipts

Science:

encyclopedias, trade books, magazines, posters, models, magnifying glasses, science internet sites, materials for experiments

Social Studies:

timelines, magazines, trade books, graphs, travel brochures, maps, history internet sites, posters, encyclopedias, atlas, globe, materials checked out from the public/school library for special projects

Reading:

dictionaries, grammar references, proofreading marks, trade books, author bios, posters, chapter books, non-fiction literature, big books, various mediums and tools for writing, brochures, models of different genres, magazines, graphic organizers, thesaurus, writing software