

Wonders Reading Curriculum

A Parent's Guide • Grades 1–5

WHAT IS WONDERS?

Wonders is our school's comprehensive reading and language arts curriculum, published by McGraw Hill. It's used in classrooms nationwide and builds reading, writing, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension skills through engaging, grade-level texts across a wide range of genres — informational articles, fiction, poetry, folktales, and more.

HOW IT'S ORGANIZED

- Each grade is divided into units built around a central topic or essential question, with weekly themes that tie reading, writing, and vocabulary together.
- Students read from a Literature Anthology and a consumable Reading/Writing Companion, plus leveled and independent readers matched to their skill level.
- Lessons combine whole-group instruction with small-group, differentiated support so children can work on skills at their own pace.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL PRACTICE

- Phonics, spelling, and word study (with an increasing focus on vocabulary and word analysis in grades 3–5)
- Reading comprehension strategies — asking questions, making inferences, finding text evidence
- Fluency through repeated and guided reading practice
- Writing in multiple genres, including opinion, informative, and narrative pieces, often drawing on what they've read
- Speaking, listening, and collaborative discussion skills

ASSESSMENT & PROGRESS MONITORING

Wonders includes regular check-ins — weekly assessments, unit tests, and periodic progress-monitoring tools — that help teachers see how each child is doing and adjust small-group instruction. You may see these scores referenced at conferences or on progress reports.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

- Ask your child about the weekly reading topic or essential question — many families find this sparks great dinner-table conversation.
- Encourage nightly independent reading, even just 15–20 minutes.
- Log in to the student portal (details from your child's teacher) to access online games, read-alongs, and vocabulary practice.
- Reach out to your child's teacher anytime with questions about pacing or how your child is progressing.

Questions? Contact your child's teacher — we're happy to share more about what your student is working on this year.