

Description of Wonders Curriculum:

Wonders, a McGraw Hill product, is designed to help students meet high academic standards and prepare them for future success. Teachers will use *Wonders* to help students

- Master foundational skills of phonics, vocabulary, spelling, and word study
- Engage in close reading of complex text and find text evidence
- Become proficient in academic writing
- Take part in daily academic conversations with peers

What will students experience in class?

In class, students will be close reading, writing analytically, and practicing foundational skills using *Wonders* books and support materials.

Teachers will use a gradual release of responsibility learning approach. First, the teacher will clearly explain and model the week's skills and strategies, then provide guided practice opportunities before prompting children to either work independently or to collaborate with their classmates.

Students will read and reread short, complex texts in the Reading/Writing Companion. They will learn to take notes, ask and answer text-dependent questions, and cite text evidence. Then, students will apply what they have learned as they read and reread the longer Anchor Texts and Leveled Readers.

What will students experience at home?

Students can access *Wonders* digital content online from home. They will receive an online account that will give access to

- A weekly letter outlining what students will be learning
- Messages from teachers
- Homework assignments
- Digital copies of all *Wonders* resources
- Time for Kids® articles, games, and word and spelling list activities to do at home