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| LA.L.2.1 | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. |
| LA.L.2.1.A | Use collective nouns (e.g., group). |
| LA.L.2.1.B | Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish). |
| LA.L.2.1.C | Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves). |
| LA.L.2.1.D | Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told). |
| LA.L.2.1.E | Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified. |
| LA.L.2.1.F | Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy). |
| LA.L.2.2 | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. |
| LA.L.2.2.A | Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names. |
| LA.L.2.2.B | Use commas in greetings and closings of letters. |
| LA.L.2.2.C | Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives. |
| LA.L.2.2.D | Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil). |
| LA.L.2.2.E | Consult print and digital resources, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings. |
| LA.L.2.3 | Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. |
| LA.L.2.3.A | Compare formal and informal uses of English. |
| LA.L.2.4 | Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases |

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| | based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. |
| LA.L.2.4.A | Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. |
| LA.L.2.4.B | Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell). |
| LA.L.2.4.C | Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional). |
| LA.L.2.4.D | Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark). |
| LA.L.2.4.E | Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases. |
| LA.L.2.5 | Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. |
| LA.L.2.5.A | Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy). |
| LA.L.2.5.B | Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny). |
| LA.L.2.6 | Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy that makes me happy). |
| LA.W.2.1 | Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a conclusion. |
| LA.W.2.2 | Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use evidence-based facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a conclusion. |
| LA.W.2.3 | Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure. |
| LA.W.2.4 | (Begins in grade 3) |
| LA.W.2.5 | With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed through self-reflection, revising and editing. |
| LA.W.2.6 | With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. |
| LA.W.2.7 | Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). |
| LA.W.2.8 | Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. |
| LA.W.2.9 | (Begins in grade 4) |
| LA.W.2.10 | (Begins in grade 3) |
| LA.RF.2.3 | Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. |
| LA.RF.2.3.A | Know spelling-sound correspondences for common vowel teams. |
| LA.RF.2.3.B | Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels. |
| LA.RF.2.3.C | Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes. |
| LA.RF.2.3.D | Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences. |
| LA.RF.2.3.E | Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. |
| LA.RF.2.4 | Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. |

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| LA.RF.2.4.A | Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. |
| LA.RF.2.4.B | Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression. |
| LA.RF.2.4.C | Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary. |
| LA.RI.2.1 | Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. |
| LA.RI.2.2 | Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. |
| LA.RI.2.3 | Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. |
| LA.RI.2.4 | Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. |
| LA.RI.2.5 | Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. |
| LA.RI.2.6 | Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. |
| LA.RI.2.8 | Describe and identify the logical connections of how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. |
| LA.RI.2.9 | Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. |
| LA.RI.2.10 | Read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at grade level text complexity proficiently with scaffolding as needed. |
| LA.RL.2.1 | Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. |
| LA.RL.2.2 | Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message/theme, lesson, or moral. |
| LA.RL.2.3 | Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges using key details. |
| LA.RL.2.4 | Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song. |
| LA.RL.2.5 | Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action identifying how each successive part builds on earlier sections. |
| LA.RL.2.6 | Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. |
| LA.RL.2.7 | Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. |
| LA.RL.2.8 | (Not applicable to literature) |
| LA.RL.2.9 | Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures. |
| LA.RL.2.10 | Read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, at grade level text complexity or above with scaffolding as needed. |
| LA.SL.2.1 | Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. |
| LA.SL.2.1.A | Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion). |

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| LA.SL.2.1.B | Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their explicit comments to the remarks of others. |
| LA.SL.2.1.C | Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion. |
| LA.SL.2.2 | Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. |
| LA.SL.2.3 | Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. |
| LA.SL.2.4 | Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. |
| LA.SL.2.5 | Use multimedia; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. |
| LA.SL.2.6 | Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification. |

Unit 2 Animal Discoveries

Throughout Unit 2, students will be utilizing an array of different comprehension skills, strategies, genres, grammar skills, high-frequency words, phonics skills and writing traits. These skills are to be taught via whole group, small group, and/or one-on-one settings. Below, are the weekly lesson skills and strategies for Unit 2:

Week 1:

Comprehension Skill: Character, Setting, Plot (Character)

Comprehension Strategy: Make, Confirm, Revise Predictions

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Grammar: Nouns

High Frequency Words: because, friends, have, picture, school, off, know, cold, family, took

Vocabulary: adapt, climate, eager, freedom, fresh, sense, shadows, silence

Phonics Skill: Spelling Short o, Long o, o_e

Vocabulary - Word Parts: Prefixes

Writing Trait: Ideas (Descriptive Details)

Week 2:

Comprehension Skill: Character, Setting, Plot (Problem & Solution)

Comprehension Strategy: Make, Confirm, Revise Predictions

Genre: Fable

Grammar: Singular and Plural Nouns

High Frequency Words: won, yes, change, fall, five, look, open, should, their, cheer

Vocabulary: believe, delicious, feast, fond, lessons, remarkable, snatch, stories

Phonics Skill: Spelling Short u; Long u, u_e

Vocabulary - Word Parts: Suffixes

Writing Trait: Ideas (Supporting Details)

Week 3:

Comprehension Skill: Topic & Main Idea

Comprehension Strategy: Make, Confirm, Revise Predictions

Genre: Nonfiction (Informational Text)

Grammar: Kinds of Nouns

High Frequency Words: buy, under, wash, straight, almost, saw, food, out, pull, sky

Vocabulary: buried, escape, habitat, journey, nature, peeks, restless, spies

Phonics Skill: Spelling Soft c, Soft g, dge

Vocabulary - Word Parts: Suffixes

Writing Trait: Organization (Order of Events)

Week 4:

Comprehension Skill: Topic & Main Idea

Comprehension Strategy: Reread

Genre: Nonfiction (Informational Text)

Grammar: Plural Nouns

High Frequency Words: these, start, walk, seven, eight, learn, try, isn't, baby, early

Vocabulary: adult, alive, covered, fur, giant, groom, mammal, offspring

Phonics Skill: Spelling Consonant Digraphs ch, -tch, sh, ph, th, ng, wh

Vocabulary: Context Clues, Multiple Meanings

Writing Trait: Word Choice (Linking Words)

Week 5:

Comprehension Skill: Topic & Main Idea

Comprehension Strategy: Reread

Genre: Poetry, Narrative Poem

Grammar: Possessive Nouns

High Frequency Words: orange, flower, far, leaves, light, grow, ready, field, bird, until

Vocabulary: express, behave, feathers, flapping

Phonics Skill: Spelling 3-letter Blends scr, spr, str, thr, spl, shr

Vocabulary: Context Clues, Multiple Meanings

Writing Trait: Word Choice (Precise Words)

Week 6:

Comprehension Skill: Review Weekly Skills

Comprehension Strategy: Review Weekly Skills

Genre: Nonfiction Narrative, Narrative Poem

Grammar: Review Weekly Skills

High Frequency Words: Review Weekly Skills

Vocabulary: Review Weekly Skills

Phonics Skill: Review Weekly Skills

Vocabulary - Word Parts: Review Weekly Skills

Writing Trait: Review Weekly Skills

21st Century Skills

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

Technology Infusion

- www.edconnect.mcgraw-hill.com
- Multimedia Library
- Listening Library
- Computer Based Assessments
- Interactive Read Alouds
- Weekly and Unit Video Clip Openers

Differentiation

- Leveled Readers
- Wonders Works
- ELL Resources

Special Education

Special Education and Resource Room Teachers will have access to Wonder Works. This product has differentiated foundational skills practice, instructional support, and assessment.

Additionally, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, and structural analysis at students' individual levels are also covered with this supplemental program. It mirrors all of the skills and strategies of the Wonders reading series.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format

- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

ELL

ESL Teachers will have access to Wonder Works. This product has differentiated foundational skills practice, instructional support, and assessment. Additionally, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, and structural analysis at students' individual levels are also covered with this supplemental program. It mirrors all of the skills and strategies of the Wonders reading series. Furthermore, there are lessons designed to meet the needs of Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced ESL students.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

Evidence of Student Learning-CFU's

In addition to the assessments provided with the Wonders reading series, teachers may use different formative and informative assessments to guide their instruction. Below is a checklist of possible assessment strategies to be used in the reading classroom:

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit tests