



EARLY LITERACY



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Comprehension

is the **understanding** and **interpretation** of what is read. Children must **decode** what they read, **make connections** between what they read and know, and **think deeply**

LOOK FOR

- students activating **prior knowledge**
- utilization of **graphic organizers**
- **students practicing** and **applying skills** in reading, speaking, and writing
- teacher utilizing the **Wonders Instructional Routines**
- teacher providing **corrective feedback** and notating students' progress
- **anchor charts** for students to reference strategies/skills



Writing

about a text has a bigger impact on reading comprehension than reading alone. Wonders engages students in **analytical writing** about what they read and learning the **writing process**

LOOK FOR

- utilization of the Wonders **Reading Writing Companion**
- **students using text evidence** to support thinking
- students **summarizing and synthesizing** ideas
- **comparing and contrasting** text
- students engaging in the **6-step writing process**
- teacher engaging students in **writing during foundational skills**



ESSENTIAL REMINDERS

- utilize the **Wonders weekly text sets** to teach **reading** and **listening comprehension**
- incorporate **Wonders Close Reading Routine**
- incorporate **modeled writing, interactive writing, and independent writing**
- ensure students engage with the **Reading Writing Companion** with a pencil in hand
- utilize the **Wonders curriculum and PLC Protocol to plan**
- utilize the **K-2 Comprehensive Walkthrough Tool as a guide** to effectively implement best instructional practices



SUPPORT VIDEOS

- [Wonders Close Read Routine](#)
- [Wonders Literature Big Book](#)
- [Wonders Analytical Writing](#)
- [Shared Writing vs Interactive Writing](#)
- [Wonders Decodable Reader TLSG Lesson](#)
- [Wonders Reading Decodable and Leveled Reader Routines](#)



RESOURCES

- [Grade 2 Study Smart Flyer for Families](#)
- [Benchmark Assessments](#)
- [Grade 2 Fluency TNReady Practice](#)
- [Literacy Launch Newsletters](#)
- [Wonders Instructional Routine Handbook](#)
- [K-2 Comprehensive Literacy Walkthrough Tool](#)



K-2 Professional Development

K-2 Teachers

January 8- April 26, 2024: K-2 Early Literacy Series: K-2 Comprehensive Literacy walkthrough Tool (Virtual, Register in PLZ, CADRE #1540)

January 8- April 26, 2024: Early Literacy Series_ Science of Reading (Virtual, Register in PLZ, CADRE #1541)

Foundational Literacy Laureates

March 28, 2024: Comprehension and Writing (In-person)

Teacher Development Week

February 29, 2024: Comprehension/Writing

LITERACY SPOTLIGHT

February Teacher Development Week was a success! K-2 educators in all elementary and K-8 schools engaged in the science of reading! During the session, educators had opportunities to learn, analyze, and plan for teacher-led small group instruction and literacy workstations as they dived deep into the Wonders curriculum. Take a look at some of your colleagues!

