Find a New Balance

Build strong readers and writers with a wealth of resources for your units of study

Grades K–5
Find Your Own Balance with These Flexible Resources

Wonders Balanced Literacy Guide
Create your own instructional path or customize our recommendations. Materials are divided into six-week units, each including:

- Thematic overview
- Instruction for each of three text sets
- Guidelines on extending and creating text sets
- Options for self-selected reading and genre writing
- Projects focusing on research and inquiry skills
- Suggested pacing, though instruction is designed to be as flexible as possible to help you meet the needs of your students

Launching the Balanced Literacy Classroom
Support your classroom with the latest research. This volume of professional development resources offers a mix of research and advice from experts — including Donald Bear, Douglas Fisher, and Jana Echevarria — along with hands-on tips and techniques to help you integrate the latest findings on reading and writing into your daily classroom practice.
Resources for You
Support your instruction with dynamic content and frequent modeling opportunities

Model and Read Aloud
Demonstrate proficient oral reading, expanding access to text beyond students’ reading ability, exposing students to a variety of genres, and examining thinking during the reading process.

Shared and Interactive Reading
Help realize goals of modeling reading strategies, extending understanding of the reading process, sharing reading, and interacting with text.

Developing Readers and Writers
With Wonders, reading and writing are integrated throughout. Read about it, talk about it, then write about it!

Write About the Text
Student models encourage careful consideration of writing skills and strategies, grammar, and editing.

Talk About It
Write words you have learned about adaptation. Then talk with a partner about other animals and how they have adapted to survive.
Resources for Your Students
Give your students room to explore a world of rich literature as you guide their developing writing skills

Guided Reading
You act as a guide as students read leveled texts, reinforce skills, practice reading strategies, and build independence while engaging in questioning and discussion.

Independent Practice and Application
Authentic literature engages students in read-alouds, close reading, and writing to sources of extended complex texts of their own choosing.

Collaborative Writing
Multiple opportunities to write collaboratively with Inquiry Space, an engaging gamified environment for grades 3–6.

Independent Writing: Writer’s Workspace
Writer’s Workspace offers students powerful digital markup tools to use as they develop, rewrite, and publish their pieces.
How Wonders Balanced Literacy Works

Grades K–1
Accessible texts are aligned to the foundational skills scope and sequence. Weekly units of study alternate between literary and informational texts, each focused on a content-based inquiry question with an anchor standard and key skills.

Grades 2–5
Essential text evidence skills are developed through close reading—repeated purposeful rereading—of a variety of texts, including short complex text, read-aloud selections, and longer complex trade books. To provide time to explore longer literature selections, our suggested organizational path is organized into mini-units of study lasting 1-2 weeks, each focused on a content-based inquiry with key supporting skills.

Support Your Instruction
A rich collection of resources will engage your students as they develop skills and understanding.

Classroom Trade Library Lessons
Leveled Reader Lesson Cards
Level Up Lesson Cards
Workstation Activity Cards
Read-Aloud Cards
Decodable Readers (available K–2)
Visual Vocabulary
Sound-Spelling Cards
Your Turn Practice Book
Word-Building Cards
Additional flexible resources to reach all students in your classroom:

English Language Learners: *Wonders for English Learners*

Intervention support: *WonderWorks*

Biliteracy and immersion: *Maravillas*

*StudySync:* the innovative cross-curricular core literacy solution for grades 4–12

For more information, visit [mhreadingwonders.com/collaborative-classrooms](http://mhreadingwonders.com/collaborative-classrooms)