



Dear Families,

In Cobb County, we believe literacy unlocks opportunity, creativity, and lifelong confidence. Our goal in English Language Arts (ELA) is to help students grow as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and thinkers. Here's what you can expect this year:

New Standards for a New Era of Learning

This year, Georgia has launched a new set of English Language Arts standards for all students in grades K–12. These standards are designed to strengthen essential literacy skills while encouraging deeper thinking and real-world application. In grades 3–5, students will:

- Build greater stamina and confidence as readers, writers, and speakers
- Learn to analyze and create literary, informational, and opinion texts in a variety of modes
- Develop vocabulary and language skills through engaging, purposeful practice
- Begin using research and inquiry to support their ideas in writing and discussion

The new standards are organized into four connected areas: Foundations, Language, Texts, and Practices. These areas work together to help students make meaning from what they read, hear, and view—and express their ideas through writing, speaking, and creating. More information on Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Standards can be found [here](#).

Core Resource: Wonders (McGraw Hill)

We will use Wonders, a research-based, comprehensive curriculum that helps students:

- Build vocabulary and comprehension strategies
- Analyze a variety of texts—stories, articles, poems
- Converse and write about what they read and topics of keen interest

At Home

Each Wonders unit includes:

- Online access to texts and vocabulary games
- Teacher updates and class notices
- Tools to support reading and writing at home

We look forward to partnering with you to ensure your student has a meaningful and joyful literacy experience this year.

Warm regards,

The Cobb County English Language Arts Department