



Dear Families,

In Cobb County, we believe literacy is a doorway to joy, confidence, and lifelong success. Our goal in English Language Arts (ELA) is to help every student grow as a reader, writer, speaker, listener, and thinker. As we move into the 2025–2026 school year, we're excited to share updates about what ELA instruction will look like for your child.

New Standards for a New Era of Learning

Beginning this school year, all Georgia schools will begin using newly adopted K–12 English Language Arts standards. These standards are designed to:

- Build strong reading, writing, listening, and speaking habits across all grade levels
- Help students make meaning from the texts they read, hear, and view
- Support students as they express their ideas through writing, speaking, and creating
- Promote deep understanding of how language works—from sounds and letters to sentences and stories

The new standards emphasize the *connectedness* of all parts of literacy and are organized into four key areas: Foundations, Language, Texts, and Practices. More information on Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Standards can be found [here](#).

Core Resources: Wonders (McGraw Hill) and UFLI Foundations

We will use Wonders and UFLI Foundations as our core resources to deliver a research-based, comprehensive curriculum that helps students:

- Build strong foundational skills like phonics, handwriting, and fluency
- Support close reading of high-quality texts
- Develop vocabulary and comprehension strategies
- Encourage academic conversations and writing based on reading

In class, your child will read, write, speak, and listen every day. Instruction is organized around sets of texts related to themes like friends, community, animals, and the earth.

At Home

You and your child will have access to Wonders digital content through a secure online account. This includes digital copies of the classroom texts, interactive activities, and vocabulary games.

Your child's teacher will provide more details as the school year begins. We're excited to partner with you in supporting your child's growth in literacy!

Warm regards,

The Cobb County English Language Arts Department