

# Wonders Implementation Update

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Education Committee

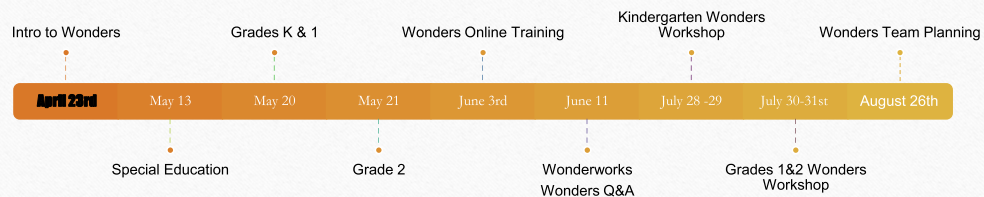
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## Wonders Training Sessions

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- Wonders Training Sessions have been ongoing since the previous school year.
- Training sessions have been offered by both the District and the McGraw Hill professional development representatives.

## District Provided Wonders Training Sessions



## McGraw-Hill Professional Development (Live Sessions)

- Alongside the District-led training sessions, teachers also had the option to take part in sessions led by McGraw-Hill representatives. These sessions included information about various topics related to the Wonders program:

- Creating Assessments
- Small Groups
- Foundational Skills
- Start Smart

\*All sessions were also recorded and made available for teachers to watch at their convenience via the Wonders padlet.

## Wonders on Schoology

- A Schoology page has been created for teachers to have a database to access various aspects of the Wonders program, including grade specific documents, links, and recordings of previous training sessions.

- Wonders Gr. K Specific Resources**  
Added by You · Sep 22, 2020
- Wonders Gr. 1 Specific Resources**  
Added by You · Sep 22, 2020
- Wonders Gr. 2 Specific Resources**  
Added by You · Sep 22, 2020
- Resources for Parents and Students**  
Added by Theresa Bowser · Aug 28, 2020
- Helpful How to Videos and PDFs**  
Check this folder for videos and PDFs that explain how to navigate the Wonders Teacher Dashboard.  
Added by Theresa Bowser · Sep 17, 2020
- K-2 Wonders Training Session Recordings**  
Added by You · Jul 17, 2020
- Start Up Documents**  
Added by Theresa Bowser · Aug 27, 2020

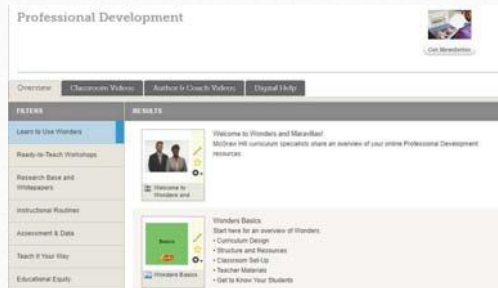
## Small Group Implementation School "Tour"

- Training sessions have been arranged for each of the elementary schools to discuss the implementation of small groups in the integrated school setting using the Wonders program. Sessions are being held within the classrooms to address both the physical and virtual factors involved with running small groups.

9/29- NEES 9/30- HES 10/2 DES 10/5 BES 10/6 VFES

# Connect Ed – Teacher Dashboard

- Wonders offers professional development opportunities for teachers on the teacher dashboard. The content is continually being updated to help teachers navigate virtual learning.



# Ongoing Professional Development

Teachers have access to the Wonders Implementation Padlet, which is also continually updated by McGraw Hill Curriculum Specialists.



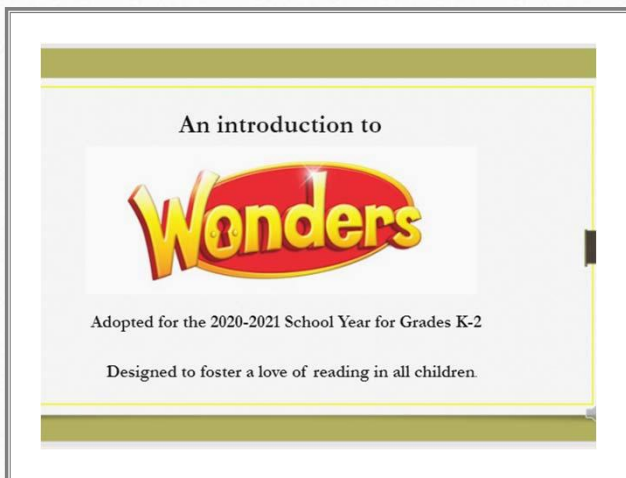
## Wonders Grades 3 & 4

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- To consider implementing Wonders in grades 3 & 4, the Reading Program Selection Committee will be meeting to discuss their experiences with Wonders in grades K-2.
- This discussion will be used to make determinations regarding the extension of the Wonders program to grades 3 & 4.
- Additionally, teachers in grades 3 & 4 will take part in LETRS training, which will provide them with concepts that they will use to compare with the learning concepts inherent in the Wonders program.

## Parent Information

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- A virtual presentation was shared with parents regarding the Wonders program and was included during curriculum night presentations at each of the elementary schools.
- Teachers have also included parent resources on their Schoology pages.

# School To Home Connection

Parents also have access to the School To Home Connection page available through their children's accounts. This page details literature, skills, and other information associated with the unit of study.

The screenshot displays the 'School to Home' interface. At the top, it shows the 'Weekly Concept: At School' and an 'Essential Question: What do you do at your school?'. Below this, there is a 'Messages' section dated 09/29/20, addressed to 'Dear Family Member:'. The message text reads: 'This week our class will be focusing on what children do at school. We will also be talking about rules and why we need them. Here are some resources you can use with your child to help reinforce the skills we'll be practicing.' It then lists 'My Learning Goals' and 'Word Workout' activities. The 'Word Workout' section includes 'Words to Know' and 'Spelling/Phonics: short a'.

**School to Home**

Weekly Concept: At School  
Essential Question: What do you do at your school?

For the Week **Messages**

**Word Workout**  
Word activities to do at home with your child.

**Comprehension Check**  
Your child's comprehension check list for the week.

**Spelling List**  
Your child's spelling list for the week with fun

09/29/20  
**Dear Family Member:**  
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Here are some resources you can use with your child to help reinforce the skills we'll be practicing.  
**My Learning Goals**  
Have your child put a check next to the learning goals he or she completes.  
**Word Workout**  
• **Words to Know** Help your child use the words to make up a question and an answer about school.  
• **Spelling/Phonics: short a** Help your child identify and generate words that rhyme with their spelling words. This week's phonic sound is the short a sound, as in cat, man,