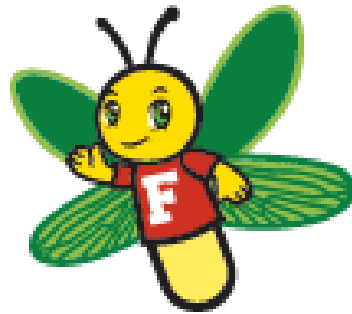
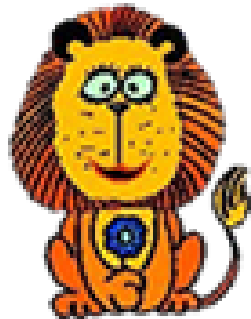




***The Common Core &  
Our Curricular Enhancements***



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# **Common Core State Standards in the Primary Schools**

## **Essential Question:**

**How has the Common Core affected the K-2 curriculum and how have we adapted to it?**





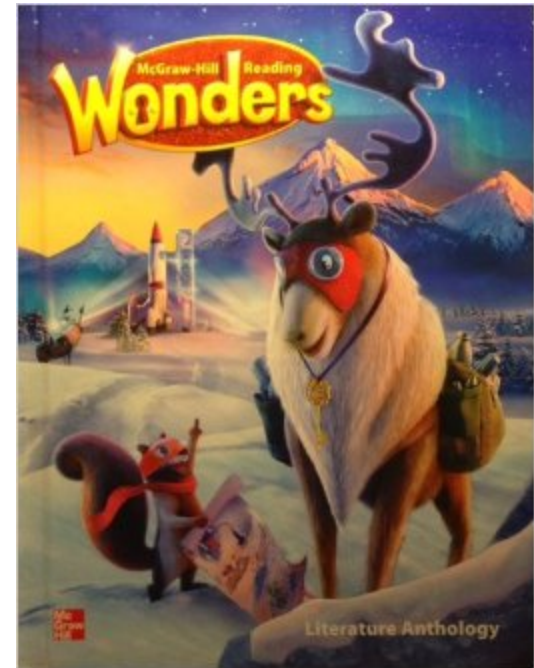
# The Common Core State Standards

- Fewer Topics in greater details.
- Emphasis on Nonfiction, not fiction
- Evidence is required
- Technology is part of most/all standards
- Life skills are emphasized across subject areas
- An increase in rigor



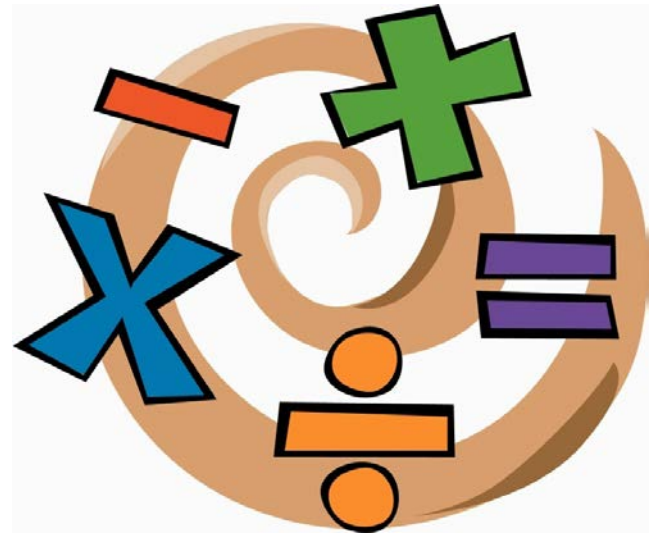
# K-2 Reading & Language Arts

- Reading Wonders Pilot
- Increased Informational Texts
- Eliciting Evidence from Text, Illustration and Media Sources
- Determining appropriate independent and instructional reading levels using DRA
- Leveled Readers



# K-2 Mathematics

- Greater focus on fewer topics
- Concepts, skills and problem solving related to addition and subtraction
- Everyday Math is completely aligned
- Conquer Mathematics Training for all Teachers of Math





# K-2 Writing

## Empowering Writers: Foundations for the CCSS

- ✓ Narrative, expository/informative, opinion writing
- ✓ Whole class instruction; teacher modeling; guided practice; logical sequence for instruction.
- ✓ Reading informs writing.
- ✓ Clear, measurable expectations
- ✓ Using text-based evidence



# K-2 Technology

- Across the Curriculum with Interactive SMART Boards
- ✓ Laptop Carts for:
  - ✓ Basic Keyboarding Skills/Writing
  - ✓ Technology Time in the Classroom
  - ✓ TypingWeb/DanceMat
- ✓ Enriching Online Tools:
  - ✓ Author Websites
  - ✓ Research
  - ✓ Everyday Math Online
  - ✓ IXL Math and ELA





# Classroom Brain Breaks

- Keeping Kids Focused and Motivated
- Two-minute fitness/movement activities
- Fun for transition and redirection



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