

Dear Families,

After a careful review process, Upper Moreland Intermediate School is excited to offer a rich and robust reading and language arts program for your child for the 2018-19 school year!

Wonders, a McGraw-Hill Education product, is designed to help students meet high academic standards and prepare them for future success. Teachers will use *Wonders* to help your child

- Master foundational skills of phonics, vocabulary, spelling, and word study
- Engage in close reading of complex text and find text evidence
- Become proficient in academic writing
- Take part in daily academic conversations with peers

What will your child experience in class?

In class, your child will be close reading, writing analytically, and practicing foundational skills using *Wonders* books and support materials.

Your child's teacher will use a gradual release of responsibility learning approach. First, the teacher will clearly explain and model the week's skills and strategies, then provide guided practice opportunities before prompting children to either work independently or to collaborate with their classmates.

Students will read and reread short, complex texts in the Reading/Writing Workshop. They will learn to take notes, ask and answer text-dependent questions, and cite text evidence. Then, students will apply what they have learned to longer texts in the Literature Anthology and Leveled Readers.

What will your child experience at home?

You and your child can access *Wonders* digital content online from home. Your child will receive a ConnectED account that will allow you to have access to

- Homework assignments
- Messages from your child's teacher
- A weekly letter outlining what your child will be learning
- Digital copies of all program books, including the Your Turn Practice Book
- Time for Kids® articles, games, and word and spelling list activities to do at home

Your child's teacher will provide more information about *Wonders* as we begin the school year.

Thank you, as always, for your involvement!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Bair
Principal

Mrs. Dina Davis
Assistant Principal