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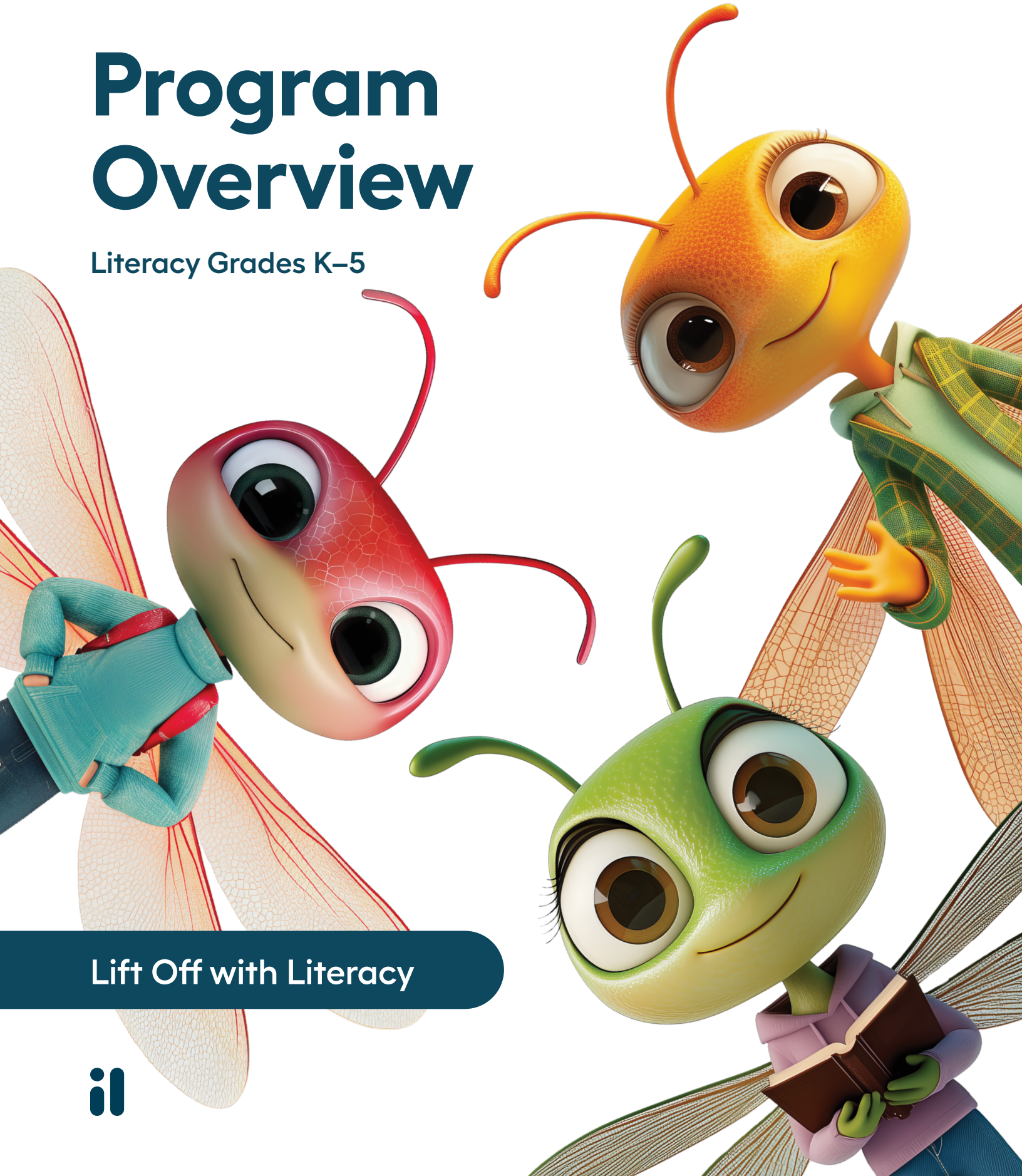
Core Curriculum | **Grades** K–5

Program Overview

Literacy Grades K–5



Lift Off with Literacy

Welcome to Dragonfly

Grounded in the science of reading, knowledge-rich content, and immersive storytelling, *Dragonfly* turns K–5 classrooms into launchpads of imagination and exploration. It supports every teacher with an engaging framework that makes the knowledge-building literacy model approachable and intuitive to use. Compelling texts and playful media spark student curiosity, balancing rigor with whole-child learning, and inspiring deep thinking and a lifelong love of literacy.

With *Dragonfly*, learning is transformed by fostering collaboration, confidence, and joy, ensuring every student is equipped with the literacy and life skills to thrive beyond the classroom.

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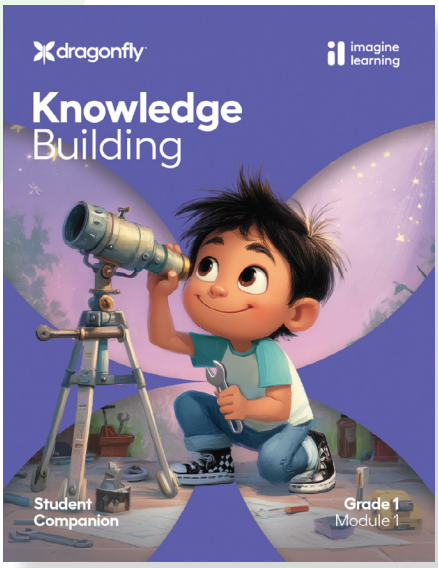
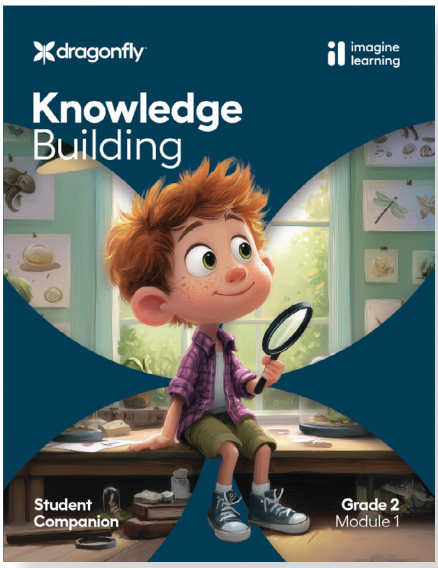




Support Every Teacher

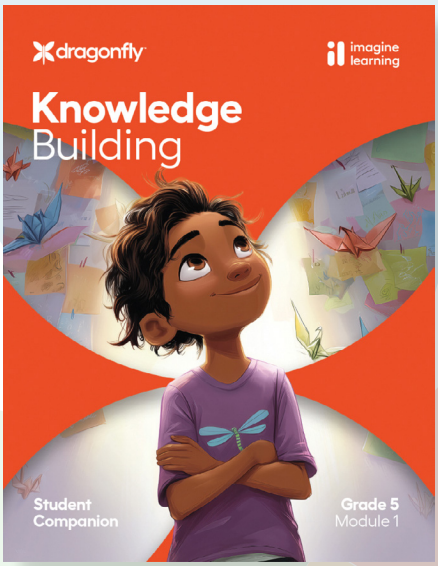
With an intuitive-to-use, knowledge-rich framework, *Dragonfly* supports every teacher in the mission-critical work of developing foundational literacy skills and building deep comprehension.

Ignite Curiosity

Dragonfly nurtures every student's innate curiosity through immersive storytelling, expressive writing, and engaging media — balancing rigor with whole-child learning to inspire deep thinking and a love of literacy.

Transform Learning

Built for lifelong literacy, *Dragonfly* transforms learning by turning the focus from isolated skill-building to growing knowledge and fostering collaboration and confidence — equipping every student with the literacy and life skills to thrive in the classroom and beyond.



Dragonfly Empowers and Supports Every Teacher

Teacher-Friendly Design with Built-In Professional Learning

Embedded media models best-practice instruction and supports skill building.

Clear, Consistent Structure with Every Lesson

The knowledge-building program uses an Ignite, Apply, Connect, and Reflect model to help streamline prep and bring confidence and consistency to classroom instruction.

Built for the Flow of the School Day

Lessons fit naturally into classroom routines with transparent learning goals, efficient use of time, and embedded tools for ongoing data collection.

Deep Literacy Development, Every Day

Dragonfly builds both foundational skills and rich content knowledge through comprehensive coverage of all K–5 literacy standards including reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language standards.

Writing Made Easy for Teachers

Integrated writing instruction is built into lessons, with clear modeling, scaffolded supports, and ready-to-use resources that simplify planning.

Grounded in What Works

Fully aligned with the science of reading and current research on effective literacy instruction.

Ignite Curiosity. Dragonfly Nurtures Student Wonder

Original Media That Sparks Imagination

Custom-created features captivate students and draw them into deeper exploration.

Whole-Child Engagement Through Multi-Modal Learning

Dynamic tools bring concepts to life and support diverse learners.

Engaging Texts That Fuel Wonder

Carefully curated authentic literature and nonfiction texts build essential knowledge while inspiring curiosity about the world.

Real-World Tasks with Student Voice and Choice

Authentic performance tasks encourage ownership and creativity while offering meaningful ways to demonstrate mastery.

Designed for Today's Learners

A vibrant, student-friendly platform with colorful materials and relatable characters meets the needs of multimedia-savvy kids.

Transform Learning. Built for Lifelong Literacy

Brings the Science of Reading to Life

Dragonfly turns research into classroom-ready practice — making evidence-based literacy instruction actionable and effective.

Nurtures Development

Integrated opportunities for reflection, collaboration, and empathy help students grow as thoughtful learners and engaged citizens.

Knowledge That Connects Across Disciplines

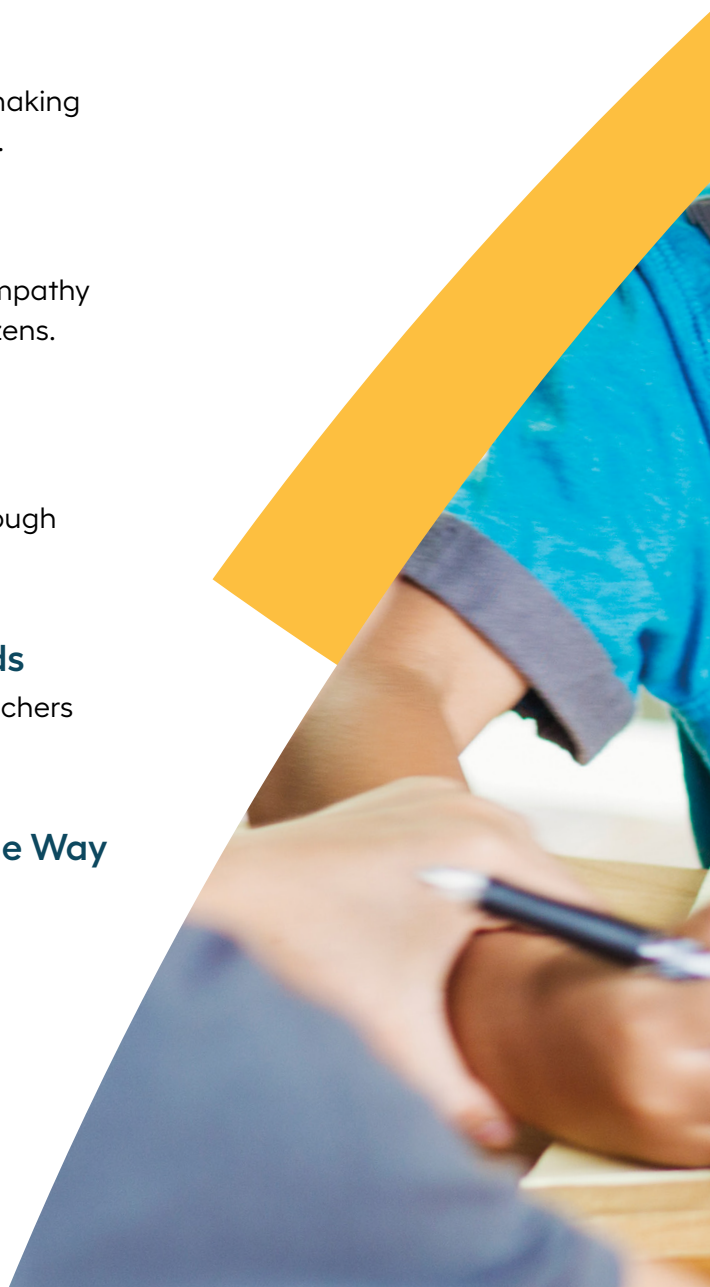
Rich, real-world content bridges subject areas and invites students to explore, discover, and build common ground through compelling texts.

Flexible Delivery, Responsive to Classroom Needs

Whether digital, print, or a blend of both, *Dragonfly* gives teachers the freedom to adapt instruction to what works best.

Ongoing Professional Learning, Every Step of the Way

Built-in supports, media models, and coaching resources ensure teachers feel confident and connected.



Knowledge-Rich Literacy Grounded in the Science of Reading

Where Knowledge and Skills Come Together for Lasting Literacy

Dragonfly puts the Science of Reading into action — combining content-rich **knowledge-building instruction** with explicit foundational skills to support every aspect of skilled reading.

Language Comprehension

At the heart of *Dragonfly* is the understanding that comprehension begins with knowledge. Each unit immerses students in high-interest topics across science, social studies, and literature. As they read, write, and discuss, students strengthen the cognitive tools needed for deep understanding. *Dragonfly* strengthens language comprehension by developing:

- **Background knowledge** through science- and content-aligned units.
- **Vocabulary** in context through rich, complex texts.
- **Verbal reasoning** through text-based discussions.
- **Literacy knowledge** through exposure to a variety of genres and text types.
- **Language structures** through frequent speaking and writing.

Word Recognition

Dragonfly supports explicit, systematic skill instruction. Daily foundational lessons provide clear, research-aligned instruction in the mechanics of reading. Students build mastery in:

- **Phonological Awareness** through engaging media and manipulatives.
- **Decoding (and Spelling)** through practice using custom-made decodables.
- **Sight Recognition** through automatic word recognition strategies.

Why Dragonfly Works

- Fully aligned to the **science of reading**
- Connects **knowledge-building** with skills practice — not skills in isolation
- Integrates **vocabulary and comprehension** from day one
- Emphasizes **fluency, decoding, and background knowledge** equally
- Provides meaningful **reading, writing, and discussion** opportunities

Increasingly Strategic

Skilled Reading

Increasingly Automatic

Dragonfly ensures students aren't just learning how to read — they're learning how to **think, communicate, and understand the world through reading.**

See it in Action

Knowledge Building Program Components

Student Components

Student Companion

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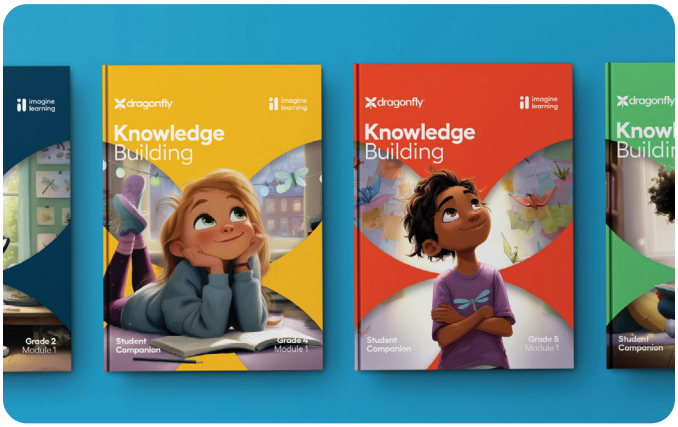
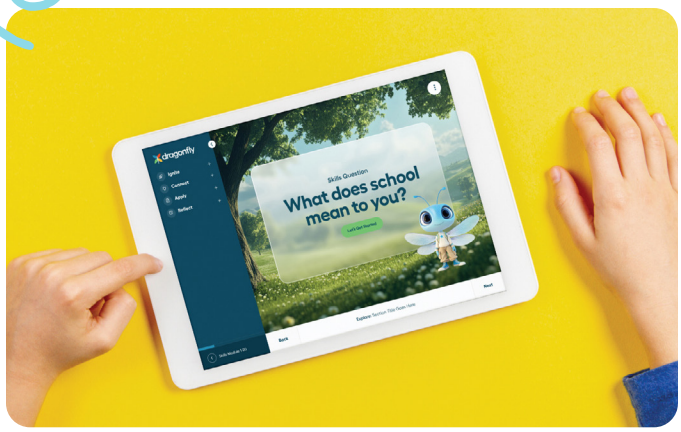




Student Digital Course

The Student Digital Course includes a variety of digital resources and dynamic media aligned to the course scope and sequence. All are fully designed to support whole-class or small-group instruction, or individual exploration of content.

Student Trade Books

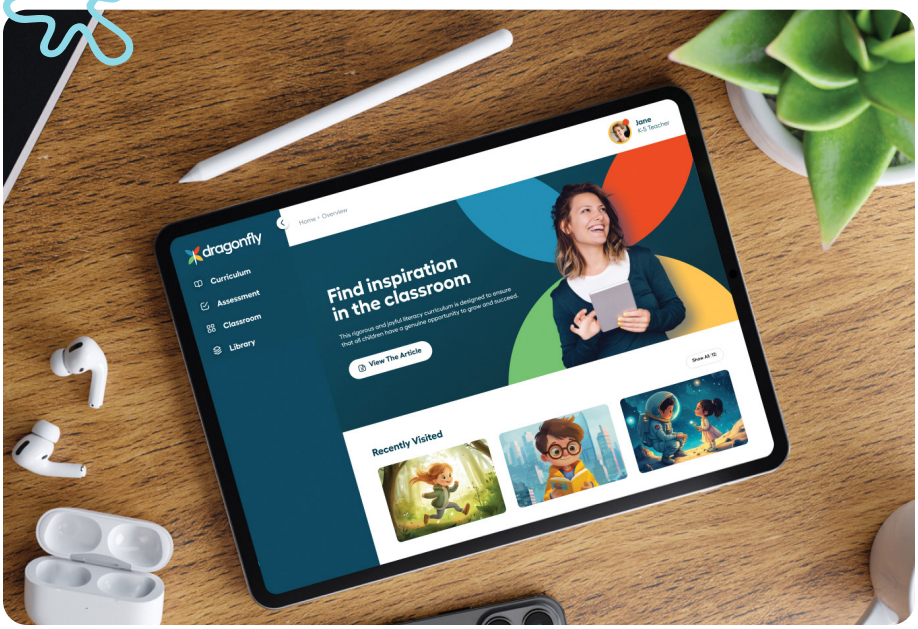
A diverse array of engaging and complex trade books, including both fiction and nonfiction, across various genres and text types supports module learning and cultivates curiosity and engaged readers.

Teacher Components

Teacher Edition

Provides explicit and systematic instruction for reading and writing, including integrated point-of-use supports for multilingual learners, differentiation, cross-curricular connections, and more!

- 4 modules for every grade
- 3 units per module
- 3–4 weeks of instruction per unit



Teacher Digital Course

Resources to support the Student Digital Course. Includes all Teacher Resources, including assessments and data tools.

Dragonfly Overall Curriculum Structure

Module

Unit 1
Discovering Our Topic

Unit 2
Deepening Our Knowledge

Unit 3
Demonstrating Our Learning

Unit 1
Discovering Our Topic

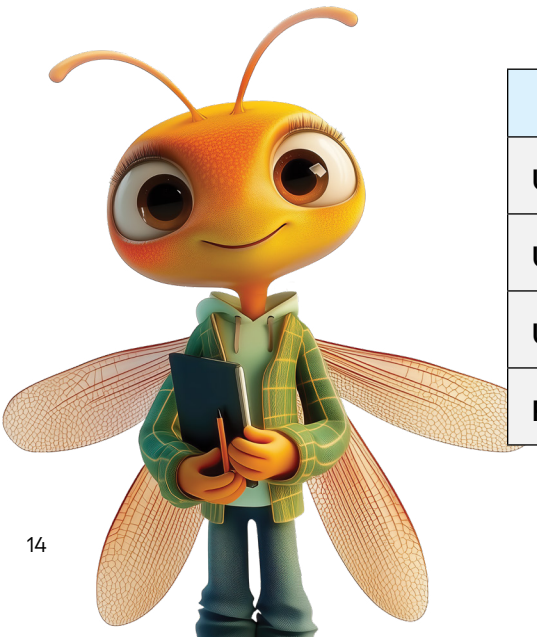
Students build a strong foundation in the module's topic while developing key character habits such as empathy, integrity, and respect. Engaging texts and interactive lessons deepen content knowledge and connect learning to core values. This unit sparks a love of learning, encourages collaboration, and lays the groundwork for future exploration.

Unit 2
Deepening Our Knowledge

Students deepen their understanding through close reading, research, and curiosity-driven lessons. They develop key habits, such as initiative, responsibility, and perseverance, while gaining confidence in discussion and writing. The unit fosters collaboration and sharpens literacy skills, preparing students for the challenges of Unit 3.

Unit 3
Demonstrating Our Learning

Students showcase their mastery, drawing on the habits of character they've developed. They synthesize their knowledge, apply their understanding, and complete a performance task that reflects their learning through a real-world product.



Unit	# of Lessons
Unit 1: Discovering Our Topic	12–15
Unit 2: Deepening Our Knowledge	12–15
Unit 3: Demonstrating Our Learning	12
Performance Task (Vary by Module)	~ 3

Knowledge Building Program Modules

Dragonfly takes a content-focused approach, building literacy through deep exploration of topics. Students read, write, and discuss diverse texts, gaining knowledge, vocabulary, and comprehension in context.

Module Topics Included:

K Grade

- Module 1: Toys and Play
- Module 2: Weather Wonders
- Module 3: Trees are Alive
- Module 4: Enjoying and Appreciating Trees

1 Grade

- Module 1: Tools and Work
- Module 2: A Study of the Sun, Moon, and Stars
- Module 3: Birds' Amazing Bodies
- Module 4: Caring for Birds

2 Grade

- Module 1: Schools and Community
- Module 2: Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes
- Module 3: The Secret World of Pollination
- Module 4: Providing for Pollinators

3 Grade

- Module 1: Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far
- Module 2: Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs
- Module 3: The Art of Storytelling
- Module 4: Water Around the World

4 Grade

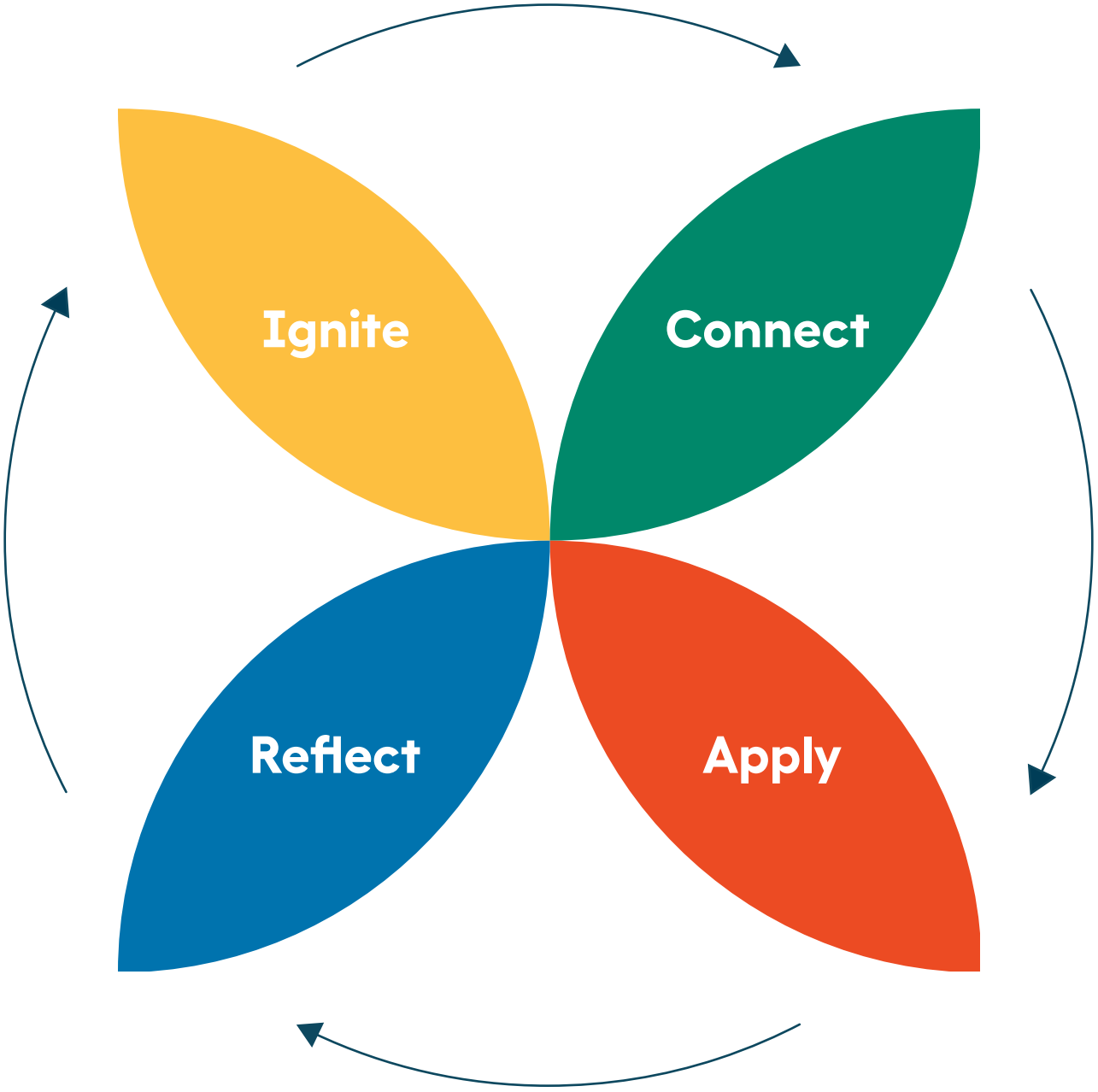
- Module 1: Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers
- Module 2: Animal Defense Mechanisms
- Module 3: The American Revolution
- Module 4: Hope in Action: Moving Towards Change

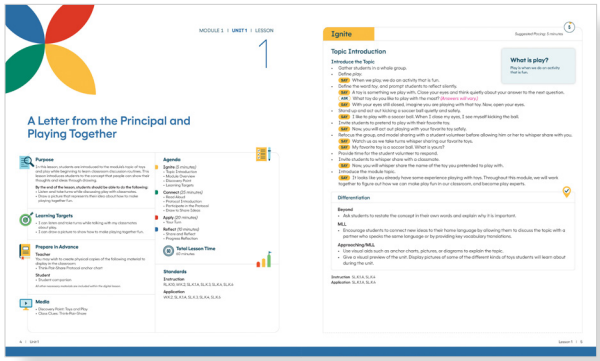
5 Grade

- Module 1: Stories of Human Rights
- Module 2: Biodiversity in the Rainforest
- Module 3: Athlete Leaders of Social Change
- Module 4: The Impact of Natural Disasters

Dragonfly Lesson Instructional Model

Every *Dragonfly* lesson is a mini adventure — carefully designed to lift curiosity, build skills, and grow character. The consistent, easy-to-follow lesson model keeps students engaged while giving teachers a clear, supportive structure. Whether they're igniting ideas, connecting through collaboration, applying what they've learned, or pausing to reflect, students stay active and curious — and teachers feel confident and in control. With *Dragonfly*, every lesson is a smooth takeoff toward deeper learning!





Ignite

Ignite activates students' minds and connects prior knowledge to help students achieve a deeper understanding of the lesson content. Teachers will set the course with clear learning targets, fueling both growth and discovery in every lesson.

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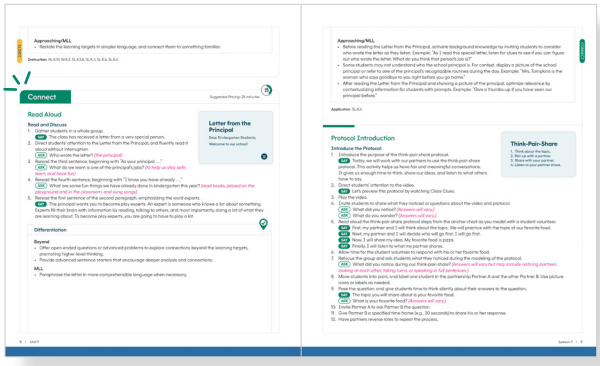

Connect

Connect brings learning to life through instruction, practice, and collaboration. It adapts to student growth, reinforces key habits, and supports deeper engagement and knowledge transfer.

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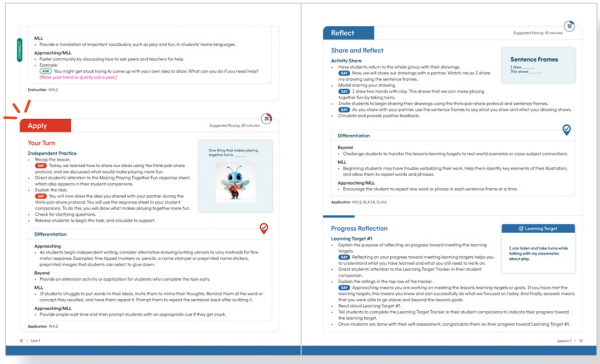

Apply

Apply empowers students to demonstrate learning independently, connecting daily lessons to assessments. Quick exit tickets provide formative data, guiding instruction and boosting familiarity with assessment formats.

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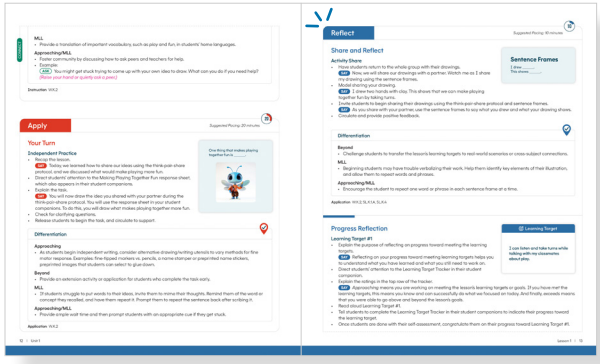


Reflect

Reflect becomes a vital part of learning, helping students build metacognition through discussion, self-monitoring, and shared strategies. It deepens understanding, reinforces skills, and nurtures character.

Estimated Time: 5–10 minutes

K–2 Foundational Skills Program

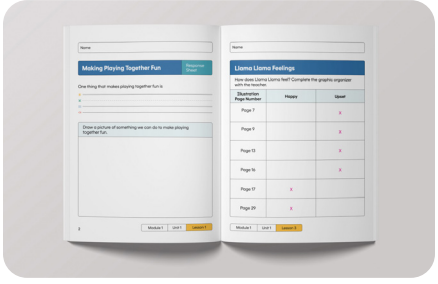
A Flight Plan to Reading Comprehension

Dragonfly's Foundational Skills seamlessly integrate Dr. Ehri's four consolidated phases of reading and writing, using benchmark assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the year to inform personalized student groupings. *Dragonfly* delivers:

- Whole-Group Instruction: engaging, on-grade-level lessons for all students
- Small-Group Differentiation: targeted, data-driven instruction tailored to each student's needs

Delivering explicit, systematic instruction, students will build essential foundational skills — phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, encoding, and fluency. Repeated reading, decodable texts, and proven strategies build word recognition, boosting fluency and comprehension while empowering educators and guiding every child to become confident readers.

Student Components



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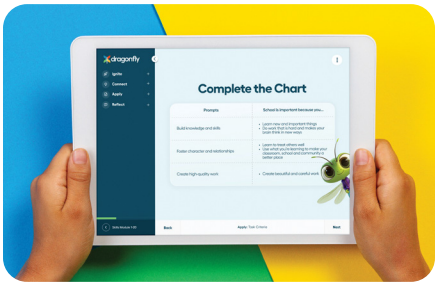
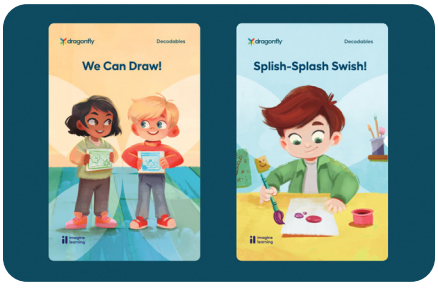


Student Digital Course

The Student Digital Course is packed with digital tools and interactive media. Whether learning as a class or in a small group, there's something exciting to explore at every turn.



Student Decodables

A vibrant set of decodable readers — built just for the program and packed with practice words and exciting stories — sparks curiosity, builds confidence, and makes reading an adventure.

Teacher Components

Teacher Edition — Whole Group Instruction

Packed with clear, step-by-step lessons for reading and writing, the Whole Group Teacher Edition offers everything teachers need for powerful instruction.

Teacher Edition — Small Group Instruction

The Small Group Teacher Edition provides targeted lessons to meet students where they are. With easy-to-follow plans for skill-building, fluency, and comprehension, it's perfect for instruction and giving every learner the support they need to grow.

Teacher Digital Course

Resources to support the Student Digital Course. Includes all Teacher Resources, including assessments and data tools.

Manipulatives

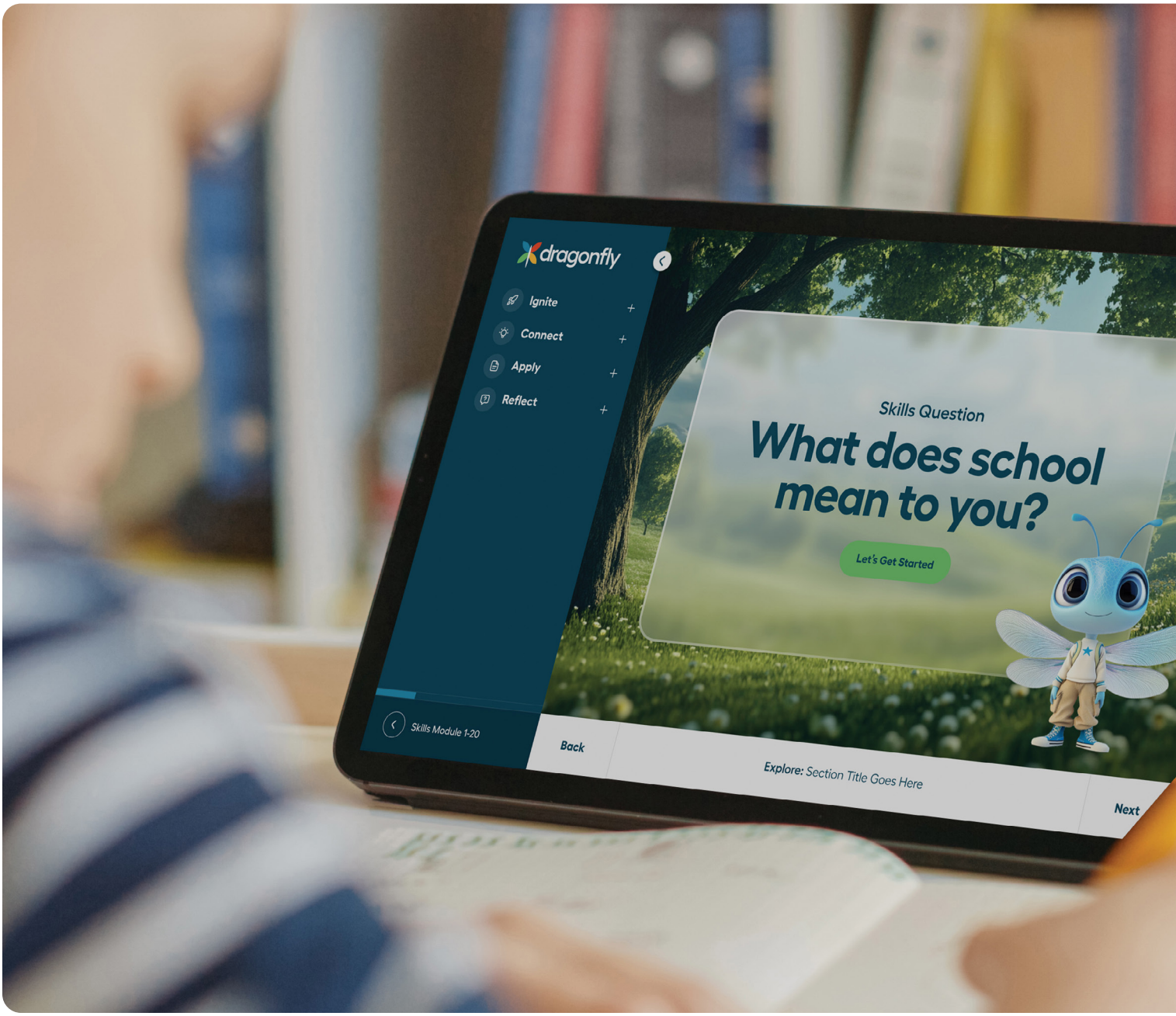
These resources are not only visually appealing but also purposefully designed to engage students and support their growth at every step of the learning process.

Our manipulatives include:

- Keyword Letter Cards
- Phoneme Cards
- High-Frequency Word Cards
- Handwriting Practice Pages

Buzz Into the Future of Reading with Dragonfly Digital

Dragonfly's digital platform empowers educators with a modern literacy curriculum designed for today's K–5 classrooms. With intuitive tools and built-in customization features, *Dragonfly* engages students through interactive, tailored learning experiences. Whether teaching whole-group or assigning individualized activities, educators can meet diverse needs — all from an easy-to-use, teacher-friendly interface.



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Why Educators and Students Love Dragonfly Digital

Student-Centered Engagement

Digital activities are designed to capture young learners' attention with engaging dynamic media, interactives, and response tools.

Flexible Instructional Paths

Every lesson presentation includes multiple teaching options for whole group, small group, and individualized instruction, allowing educators to personalize learning experiences in real time.

At-Your-Fingertips Support

Teacher materials are chunked and placed at point of use, eliminating the need to search or prep in advance.

Build Your Own Library

Upload custom texts, images, and lessons into your personal Library to reuse or share with your team.

Streamlined Assignments

Easily assign digital student work — all within the platform.

Assessment Made Simple

Track student progress with built-in tools for quick assessment and real-time data collection — informing instruction without the paperwork.

Simplify Your Day

Dragonfly is designed with teachers in mind — saving time while enhancing impact.

Engaging Media that Brings Learning to Life

Dragonfly's program is enhanced by dynamic media that transforms instruction, making content come alive for students. Whether in Knowledge Building or Foundational Skills, our diverse range of media is seamlessly integrated to captivate learners, deepen understanding, and provide multimodal interactivity.

Dragonfly features exciting media types such as:

Sound Safari

A wild way to build strong phonemic awareness.

Face Time

Phonemes have never been this fun!

Discovery Point

Spark curiosity and deepen real-world connection.

Hands On! POV

First-person perspective to guide kids through simple tasks, manipulatives, writing, and letter formation.

See it in Action

Class Clues

Engaging videos introduce and address common classroom pain points.

Bug Beats

Catchy, easy-to-follow songs are perfect for guiding students through skill shifts and exiting lesson.

Voyages

Unlock the world of learning with these engaging Explainer videos.

WingsTV

Features fun short videos that help students join discussions, share ideas with evidence, and learn academic words.

Data-Driven Assessment: Taking Student Success to the Skies

Assessment in *Dragonfly* is more than just a checkpoint — it's a tool for growth. Our comprehensive approach combines diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments, empowering educators with insights and giving students multiple and diverse opportunities to demonstrate their learning.

A Smart Framework for Success

I+ A Screener (K–3)

Identifies early signs of reading challenges, including dyslexia.

I+ A Diagnostic

Targets specific learning needs and provides Lexile and Quantile measures.

Benchmark Assessments

Guide grouping for skills instruction based on key literacy indicators at intervals throughout the year.

Embedded Formative Assessments

Help tailor instruction in real time.

Mid- & End-of-Unit Assessments

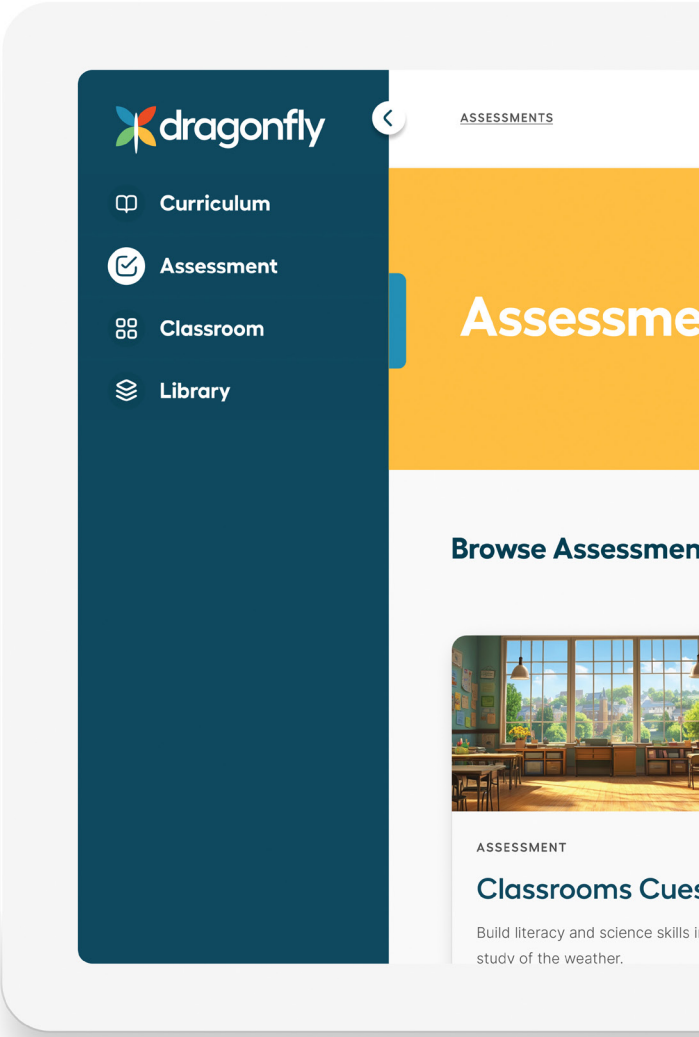
Measure content mastery, reading, and writing skills across genres.

Skill Checks (K–2)

Evaluate decoding, encoding, and foundational literacy skills.

State Test Preparation (3–5)

Provides practice for high-stakes testing with year-round assessments that mirror state testing.



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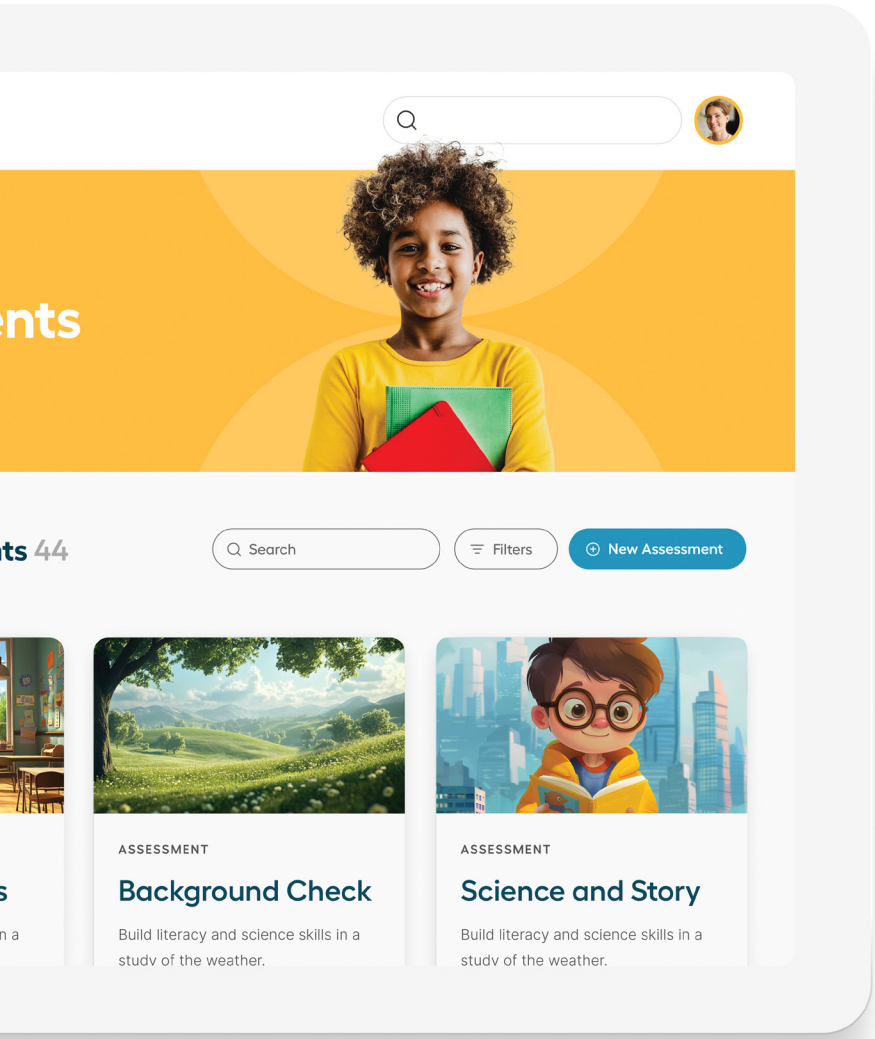


Why Dragonfly Assessments?

Aligned to Standards

Supports consistent, grade-level learning.

Connected to Instruction

Reinforces key topics and genres in meaningful, engaging ways.

Predictable Structure & Frequency

Supports both teachers and students.

Increasing Rigor Over Time

Builds student mastery gradually.

Varied Item Types

Engages multiple learning modalities.

From Insight to Integration: Everything You Need to Soar

Professional Learning That Lifts You Higher

Imagine Learning provides flexible virtual and in-person support to help you implement *Dragonfly* with confidence. A dedicated customer success manager partners with your team to plan, guide, and sustain success, while built-in tools deliver ongoing professional learning through the digital platform.

Tailored Training

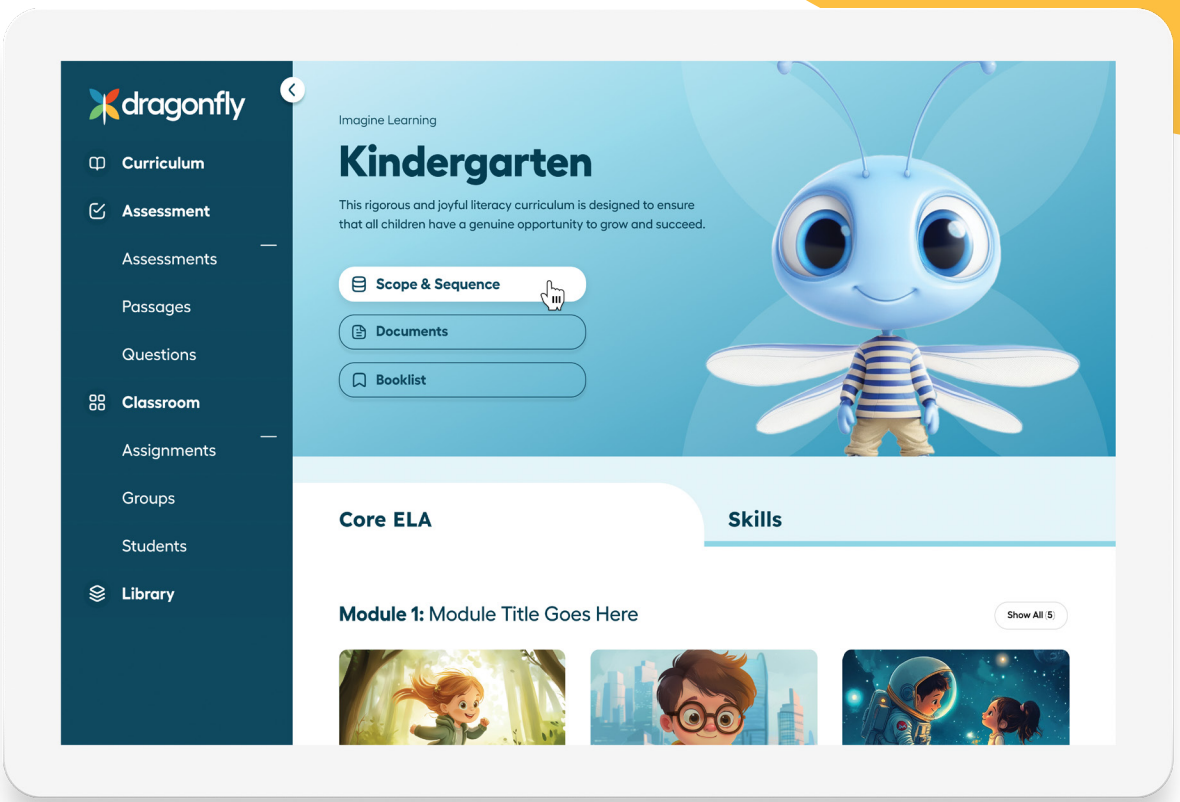
From onboarding to advanced strategies, we offer flexible sessions built around your goals and schedule.

On-Demand Resources

Bite-sized videos, printable guides, and ready-to-use tips — whenever and wherever you need them.

Ongoing Partnership

You're never flying solo. Our team works closely with your district to provide coaching, insights, and ongoing support all year long.



Teacher Digital Course

Seamless Integration, Simplified Learning

Dragonfly connects effortlessly with the tools you already use — like Canvas, Schoology, and Google Classroom — making it easy to bring learning to life without missing a beat.

One-Click Assignments

Assign *Dragonfly* lessons directly through your LMS with just a click.

Automatic Grade Passback

Student progress and performance syncs back in real-time, keeping everything in one place.

Ongoing Support, Every Step of the Way

Our partnership doesn't end at launch. We work side-by-side with your district to ensure smooth implementation, provide ongoing consultation, and help your team make the most of *Dragonfly* — now and into the future.

With Imagine Learning and *Dragonfly*, integration isn't just seamless — it's supportive, connected, and built for classrooms like yours.

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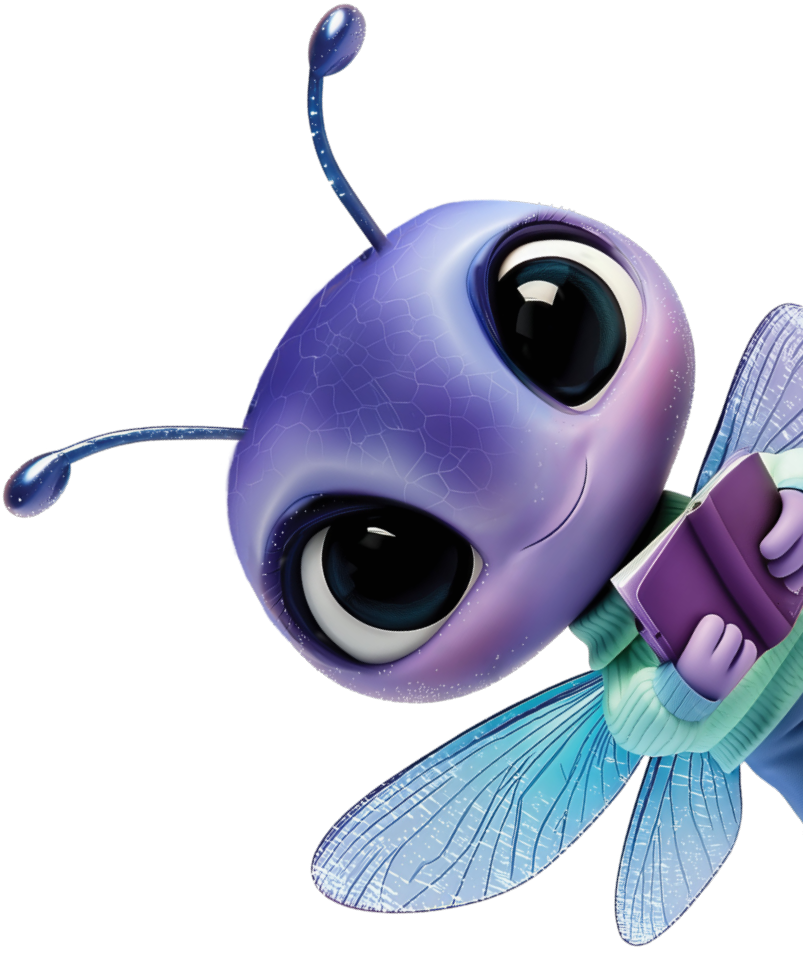
Ready to Unlock **Your Wings?**

Learn how Dragonfly can make your classroom soar!



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