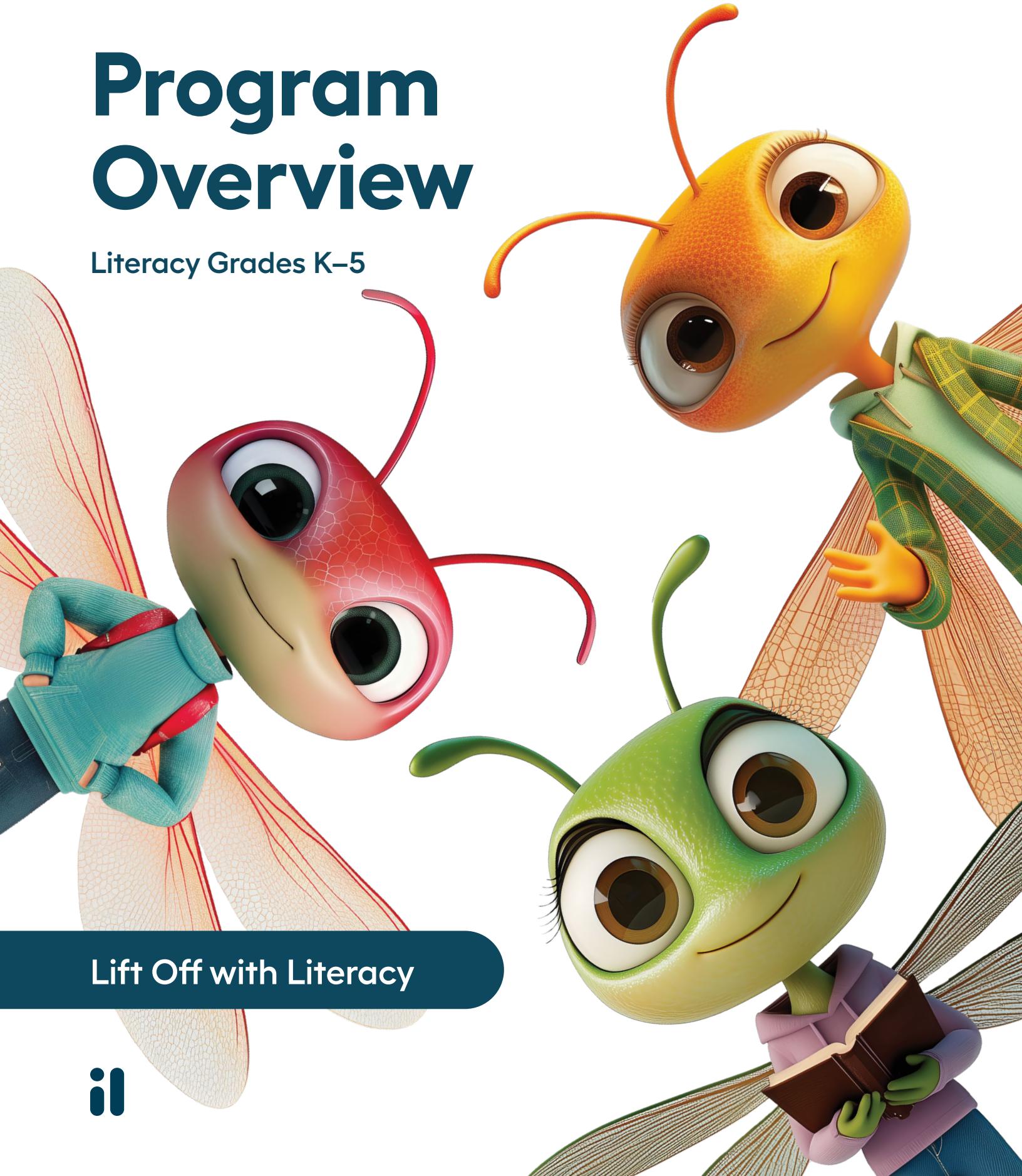
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Core Curriculum | **Grades** K–5

Program Overview

Literacy Grades K–5



Lift Off with Literacy

Welcome to Dragonfly

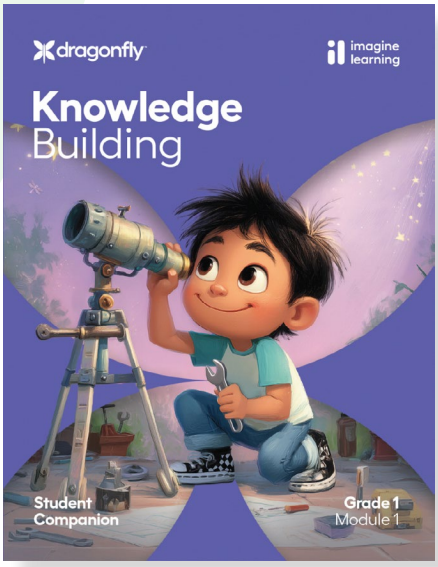
Grounded in the science of reading, knowledge-rich content, and immersive storytelling, *Dragonfly* turns K–5 classrooms into launchpads of imagination and exploration. It supports every teacher with an engaging framework that makes the knowledge-building literacy model approachable and intuitive to 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.

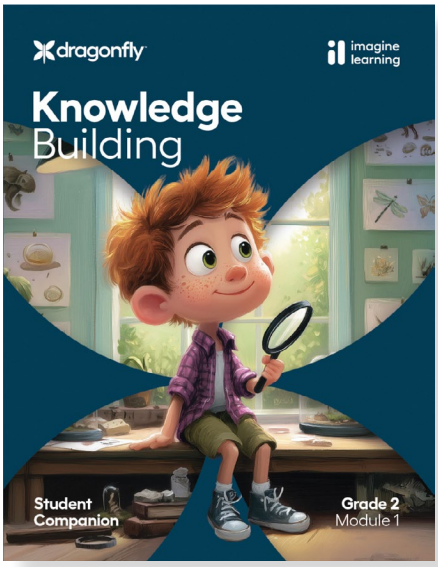
With *Dragonfly*, learning is transformed by fostering collaboration, confidence, and joy, ensuring every student is equipped with the literacy and life skills to thrive beyond the classroom.



Lift Off with Literacy







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.



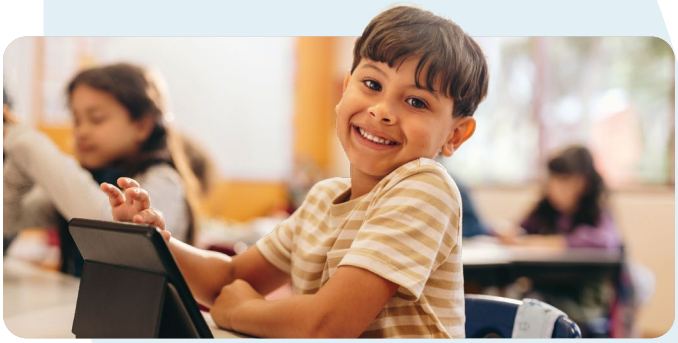


Ignite Curiosity

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

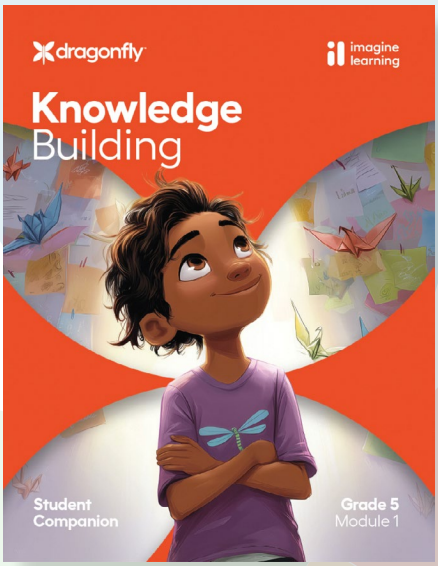
Transform Learning

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

Streamlined print and digital foster usability and support delivery of instruction grounded in research-based best practices.

Clear, Consistent Structure with Every Lesson

Knowledge Building uses an Ignite, Connect, Apply, and Reflect model to help simplify 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

Built on 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 Multimodal Learning

Dynamic tools bring concepts to life and support diverse learners.

Engaging Texts That Fuel Wonder

Dragonfly puts real books in students' hands, including authentic literature and nonfiction texts that build essential knowledge and inspire 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.

Coherent Instruction Built for the Modern Classroom

Dragonfly's print and digital components are designed as a comprehensive, connected system, aligning teacher and student materials lesson by lesson.

Strong Teacher Guidance, Every Step of the Way

Built-in tools, media models, and ongoing professional learning supports 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 coherent, cross-curricular texts and topics.
- **Vocabulary** in context through rich, complex texts.
- **Verbal reasoning** through collaborative, text-based discussions.
- **Literacy knowledge** through exposure to a variety of genres and text types.
- **Language structures** through frequent reading, writing, and speaking opportunities.

Word Recognition

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

- **Phonological Awareness** through engaging media, manipulatives, and instructional routines.
- **Decoding (and Spelling)** through practice with custom-made decodables and connected texts.
- **Sight Recognition** through high-frequency word instruction and automatic word recognition strategies.

Why Dragonfly Works

- Fully grounded in 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 critically, communicate, and understand the world through reading.**

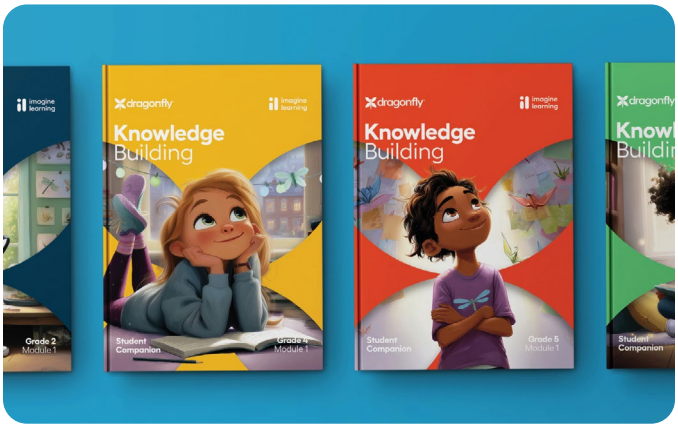
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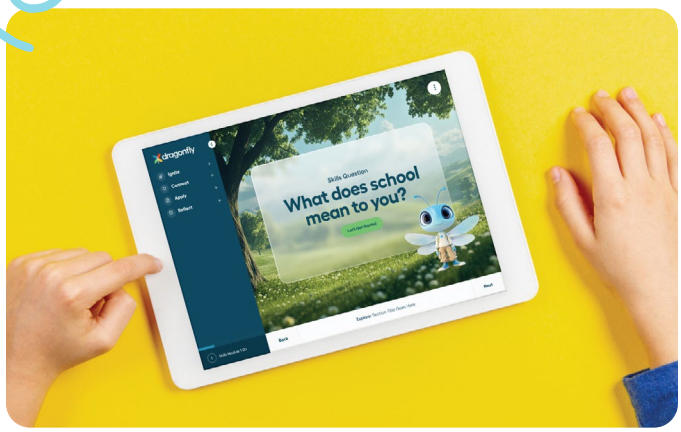
Knowledge Building Program Components

Student Components

Student Companion

The Student Companion is an all-in-one resource that provides learners with the opportunity to complete activities in a meaningful way, whether as a whole group, in small groups, or independently.





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 instruction, small group work, or individual exploration of content.

Student Trade Books

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



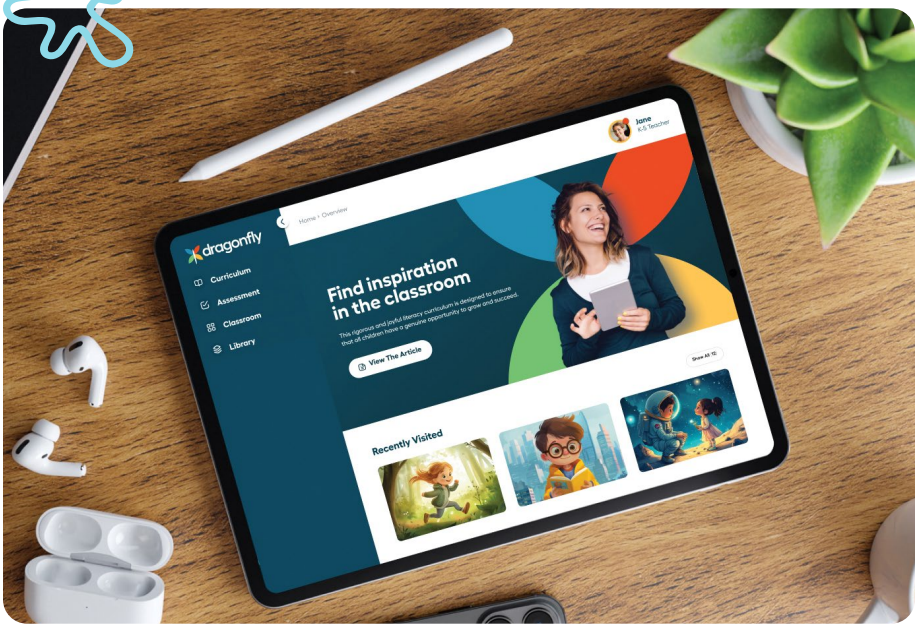
Teacher Components

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

Ready-to-use customizable lessons, engaging media, reporting tools, and interactive content to support knowledge building instruction.



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

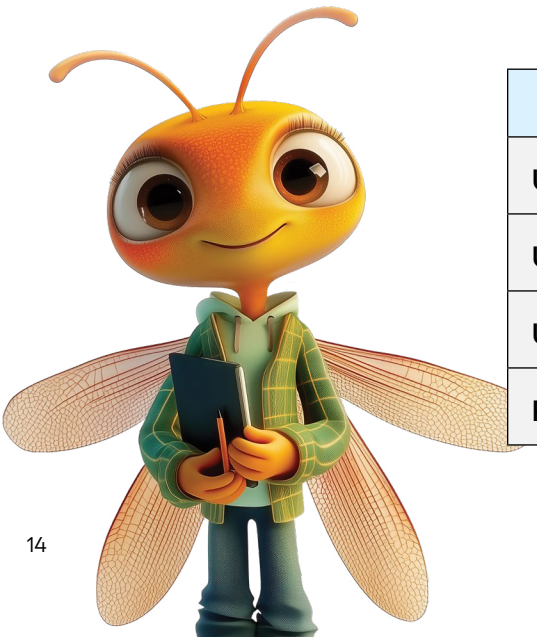
In Unit 1, students build a foundation for lifelong knowledge building while developing key character habits, including empathy, integrity, and respect. Through engaging read-alouds and interactive lessons, they explore big ideas, get curious, and make connections to the world around them.

Unit 2
Deepening Our Knowledge

In Unit 2, students are invited to think like researchers. They analyze, discuss, and write about complex texts, while reinforcing vocabulary and practicing new skills. Students strengthen habits such as perseverance, initiative, and responsibility to support academic growth and prepare for the final unit.

Unit 3
Demonstrating Our Learning

In Unit 3, students synthesize module learning and apply their understanding in a culminating performance task that showcases both academic growth and character development.



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)	Up to 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

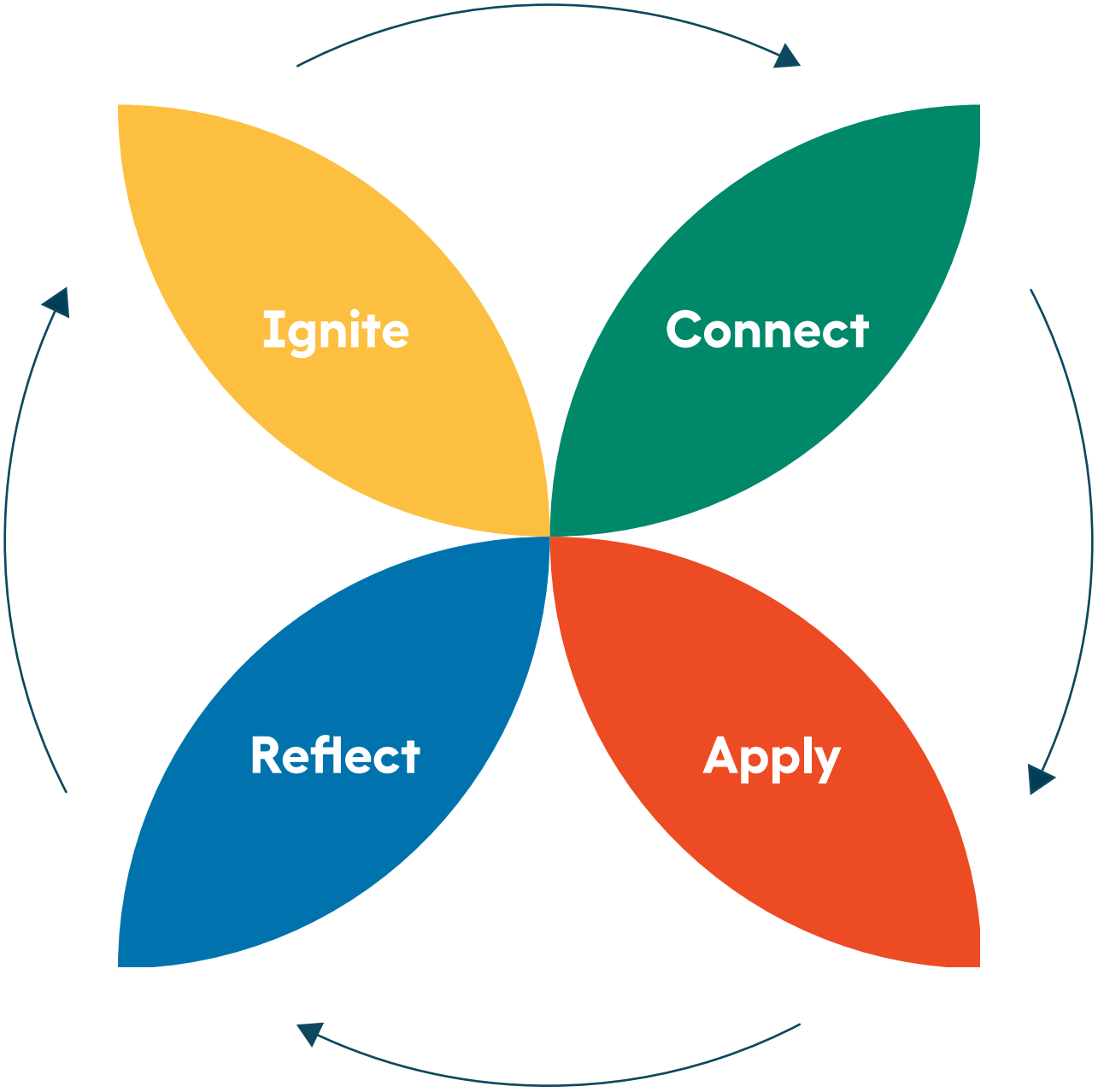
- Module 1: Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers
- Module 2: Animal Defense Mechanisms
- Module 3: The American Revolution
- Module 4: Hope in Action: Moving Towards Change

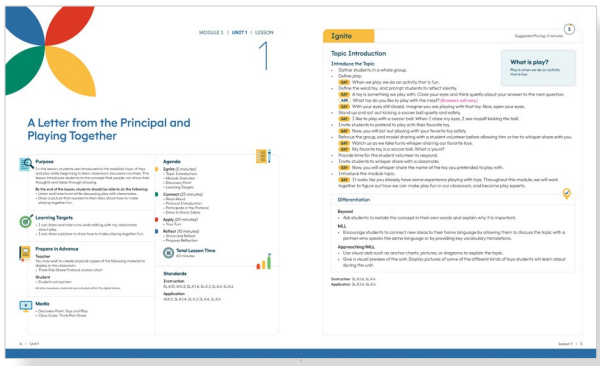
5 Grade

- 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 Knowledge Building* 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!

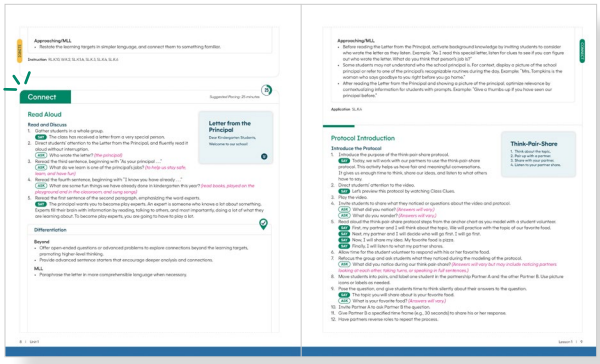




Ignite

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 academic mindsets and emphasizing positive ways of interacting with others.

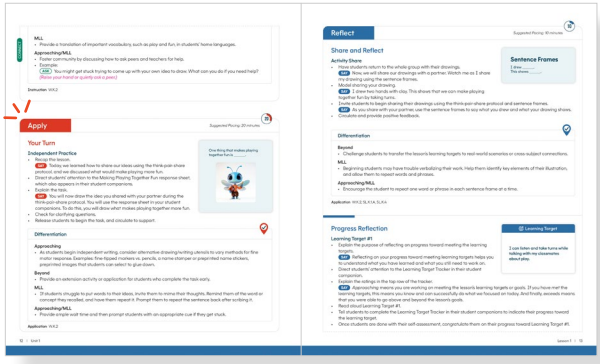
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Connect

Connect brings learning to life through explicit instruction, guided practice, and collaboration. Instruction helps students grapple with complex ideas and practice new learning in rich, meaningful contexts.

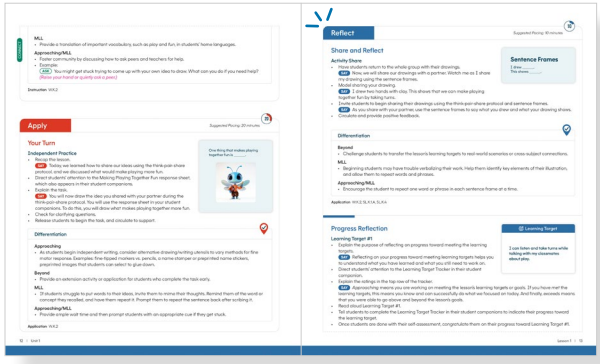
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Apply

Apply empowers students to demonstrate learning through collaborative or independent tasks, connecting daily lessons to assessments. It provides formative data, guiding instruction and boosting familiarity with assessment formats.

Estimated Time: 10–35 minutes



Reflect

Reflect invites students to think about how and what they learned based on the lesson's Learning Targets. This section strengthens metacognitive awareness and reinforces key concepts and habits.

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K–2 Foundational Skills Program

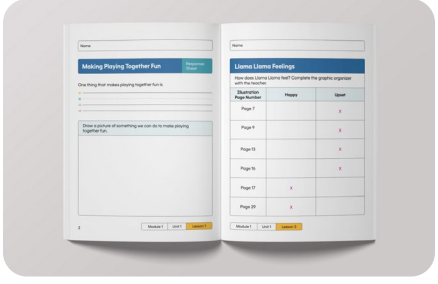
A Flight Plan to Reading Comprehension

Dragonfly Foundational Skills seamlessly integrate Dr. Ehri's four Phases of Reading and Spelling Development, using benchmark assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the year to monitor progress and 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

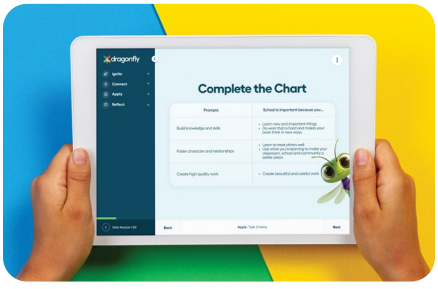
Through explicit, systematic instruction, students build essential foundational skills in phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, encoding, high-frequency word recognition, morphology, print concepts, and fluency. Repeated reading, decodable texts, and proven strategies build word recognition, boosting fluency and comprehension while empowering educators and guiding every child to become confident readers.

Student Components



Student Companion

The Student Companion is an all-in-one resource that supports whole group instruction and provides students the opportunity to complete meaningful activities tied to lesson content.



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.



Lift Off Decodable Books

A vibrant set of decodable books — built just for the program and tightly aligned to its scope and sequence — provides essential practice opportunities through compelling stories.

Teacher Components

Teacher Edition — Whole Group Instruction

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



Teacher Edition — Small Group Instruction

The Small Group Teacher Edition provides targeted data-driven lessons to meet students where they are. Aligned to outcomes from classroom assessments, instruction gives every learner the support they need to grow.

Teacher Digital Course

Ready-to-use customizable lessons, engaging media, reporting tools, and interactive content to support foundational skills instruction.

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:

- Letter-Sound Cards
- Phoneme Cards
- Phonogram Cards
- Articulation Cards
- High-Frequency Word Cards



3–5 Advanced Foundational Skills Program

Taking Essential Skills to New Heights

As students move into Grades 3–5, literacy skills become a gateway to new ideas, knowledge, and possibilities. *Advanced Foundational Skills* supports this exciting stage of readers' journeys through continued, research-based instruction in phonics, morphology, and fluency. Every routine, lesson, and resource is designed to help students strengthen automaticity, build vocabulary, and experience success as fluent, engaged readers.

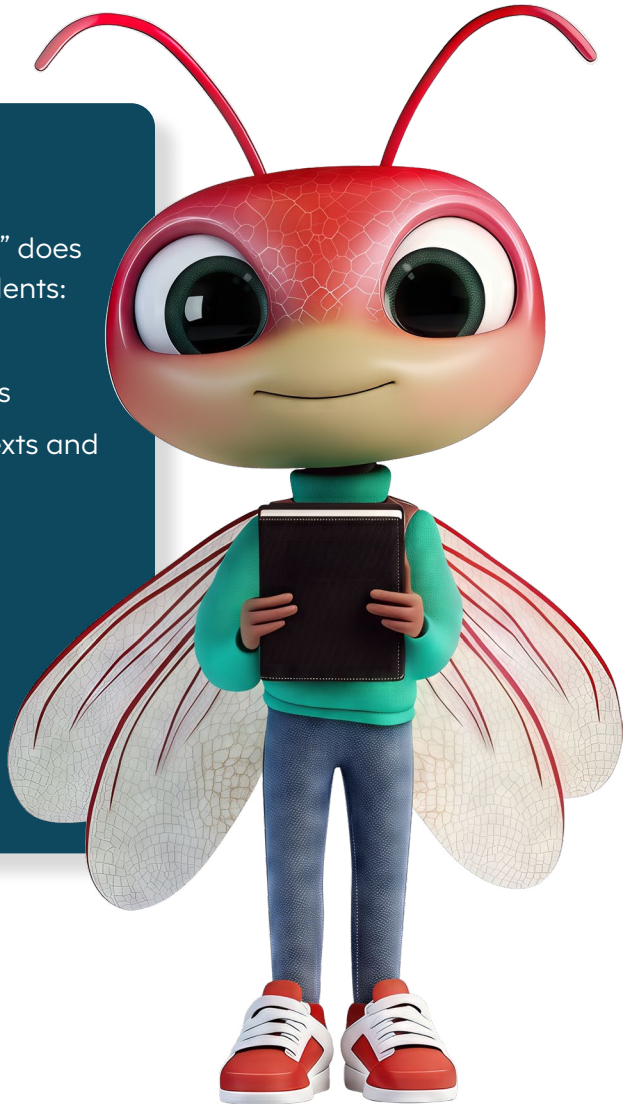
The Dragonfly Difference

With *Dragonfly*, students independently "reading to learn" does not happen by chance. Intentional instruction helps students:

- Decode increasingly complex words
- Apply knowledge of morphology and syllable patterns
- Develop the fluency needed to engage deeply with texts and create meaning

To support effective implementation, *Dragonfly* provides teachers with:

- A coherent structure
- Precise instructional language
- Practical classroom tools



Teacher Components



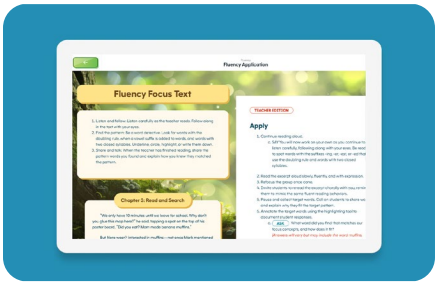
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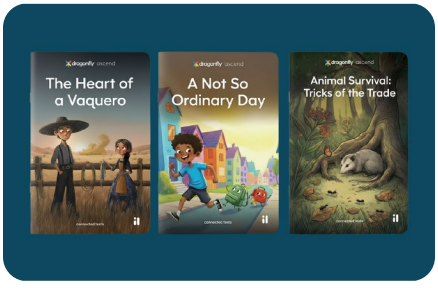
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Teacher Digital Course

The digital curriculum provides clear guidance and lesson plans for whole group instruction, small group work, and independent rotations, including assessment tools and grouping recommendations.

Student Components



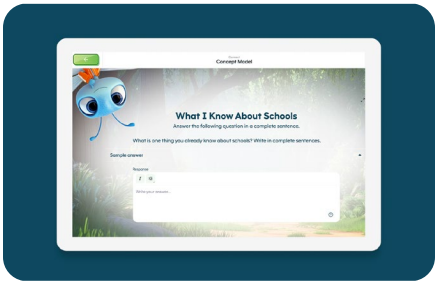
Ascend Connected Text

Connected texts give students repeated opportunities to practice key skills with engaging chapter books tied to each module's knowledge building topic.



Wings Skills Companions

Skills companions are magazine-style readers that feature knowledge building articles and invite students to apply and integrate decoding, fluency, and other skills.



Student Digital Course

The student digital experience features activities for whole group, small group, and independent work, as well as printable and digital texts at point of use.

Connected, Comprehensive Writing Support

Dragonfly supports students in becoming successful writers through a structured, research-based approach anchored in authentic practice. Built-in strategies, explicit routines, and writing scaffolds strengthen essential skills, spark engagement with texts, and deepen content knowledge.

In every classroom, students gain a pathway to write about what they know with confidence. Lessons include mentor text analysis, explicit modeling, sentence frames, and clear, teacher-facing rubrics, models, and checklists to ensure expectations are transparent and writing is achievable for all learners.



Expertly guide students to writing success

Learning to write

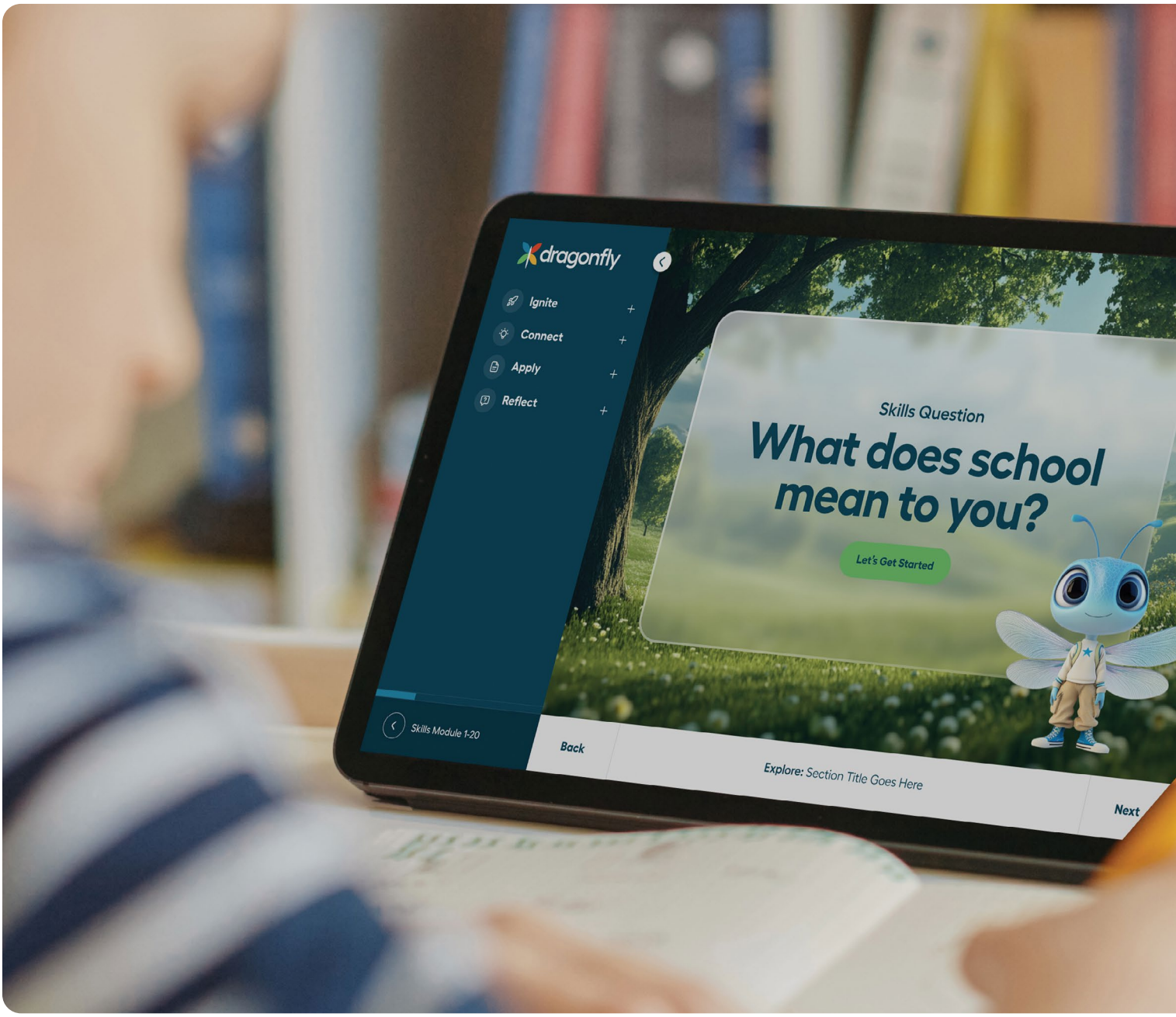
- **Explicit instruction:** Lessons incorporate a gradual release of responsibility model to systematically develop skills from sentence construction to paragraph and essay development
- **Writing process:** Instruction follows a clear writing process and bolsters writing across purposes, audiences, and genres prioritized in state assessments
- **Handwriting support:** Explicit instruction, paired with vibrant media and practice pages, teaches key facets of handwriting, including letter formation, appropriate stroke formation, directionality, and letter placement
- **Community of writers:** Ongoing opportunities for peer-to-peer feedback and discussion create an engaged writing environment
- **Sentence Studio:** This embedded scaffold provides explicit sentence-level writing instruction that helps students explore the nuance of language as they examine, deconstruct, and combine complex sentences
- **Language and grammar:** Grammar concepts are introduced at the beginning of *Knowledge Building* modules and practiced across units

Writing to learn

- **Integrated writing and content knowledge:** Writing is embedded within content lessons, reinforcing skills through deep exploration of topics
- **Writing reflects understanding:** Students write to demonstrate learning and synthesize knowledge across module texts
- **Frequent practice:** Regular short responses and extended writing and research projects encourage students to write to sources and connect learning to real-world applications

Buzz Into the Future of Reading with Dragonfly Digital

Dragonfly's digital platform empowers educators to deliver effective literacy instruction that pairs powerful print with thoughtful digital resources. With intuitive tools and built-in customization features, *Dragonfly* engages students through interactive, tailored learning experiences. Whether teaching the whole class, faciliating small groups, or assigning independent activities, educators can meet diverse needs — all from an easy-to-use, teacher-friendly interface.





See it in Action



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

Lessons include resources for whole group, small group, and independent work, allowing educators to shape strong learning experiences.

At-Your-Fingertips Support

Teacher materials are centralized 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 and review student work all within the platform.

Assessment Made Simple

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

Simplify Your Day

Dragonfly is designed to save time while enhancing impact.

Engaging Media that Brings Learning to Life

Dragonfly 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

Sound Safari videos give students a lively, playful way to practice phonemic awareness.



Face Time

FaceTime videos feature students pronouncing target phonemes and keywords to support precise sound production.



Discovery Point

Kick off *Knowledge Building* modules with short videos that spark curiosity and deepen real-world connection.



Hands On! POV

First-person perspective videos guide students through essential literacy concepts and skills, including letter formation.





See it in Action





Class Clues

Engaging videos model classroom protocols and help students understand what successful participation can look like.



Bug Beats/Tune Tales

Bug Beats and Tune Tales songs combine music, movement, and literacy to reinforce concepts and foster smooth instructional transitions.



Voyages

Voyages videos expand students' knowledge of module topics with vivid imagery and narration.



WingsTV

These videos feature students discussing and demonstrating academic thinking around key knowledge building skills.

Data-Driven Assessment: Taking Student Success to the Skies

Assessment in *Dragonfly* is designed to fuel 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

Mid- & End-of-Unit Assessments

Measure content mastery and inform instructional next steps.

Skill Checks

Evaluate decoding, encoding, and other foundational literacy skills.

Test Preparation (3–5)

Lessons and practice assessments prepare students for the rigor, structure, and expectations of high-stakes testing.

Imagine Assessment

To further support targeted instruction, educators have access to the Imagine Assessment Suite. These assessments provide additional screening and diagnostics to help teachers plan and provide necessary intervention.

Imagine EarlyBird Screener

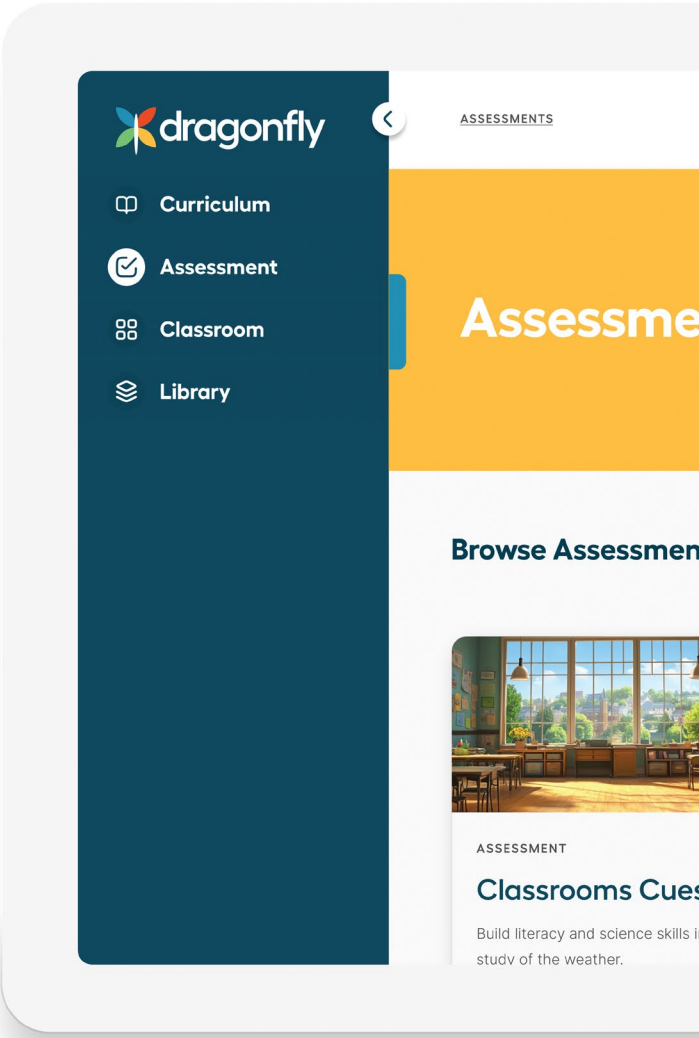
Identifies early signs of reading challenges, including dyslexia.

Imagine Diagnostic

Targets specific learning needs and provides Lexile measures.

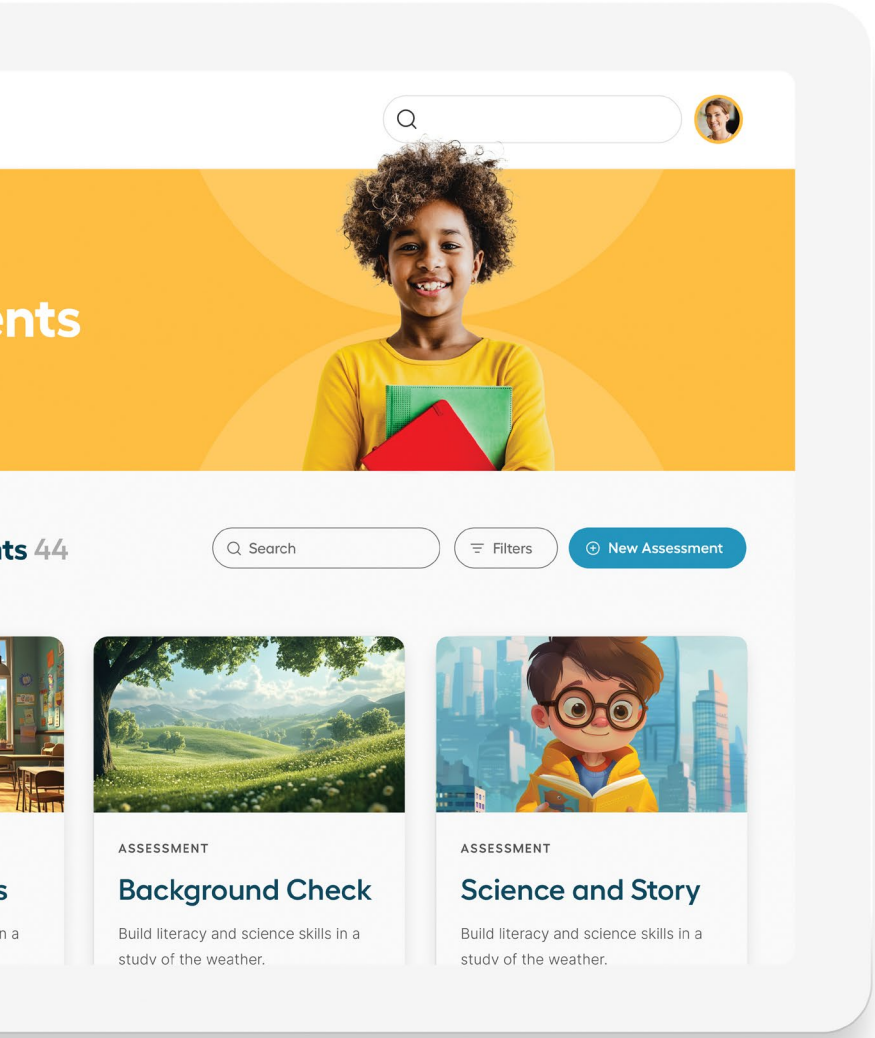
Imagine Formatives

Standards-aligned, prebuilt assessments offer quick, actionable snapshots of learning.



See it in Action





Why Dragonfly Assessments?

Aligned to Standards

Supports consistent, grade-level learning.

Connected to Instruction

Reinforces key topics and skills 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. Our professional learning experts partner 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.

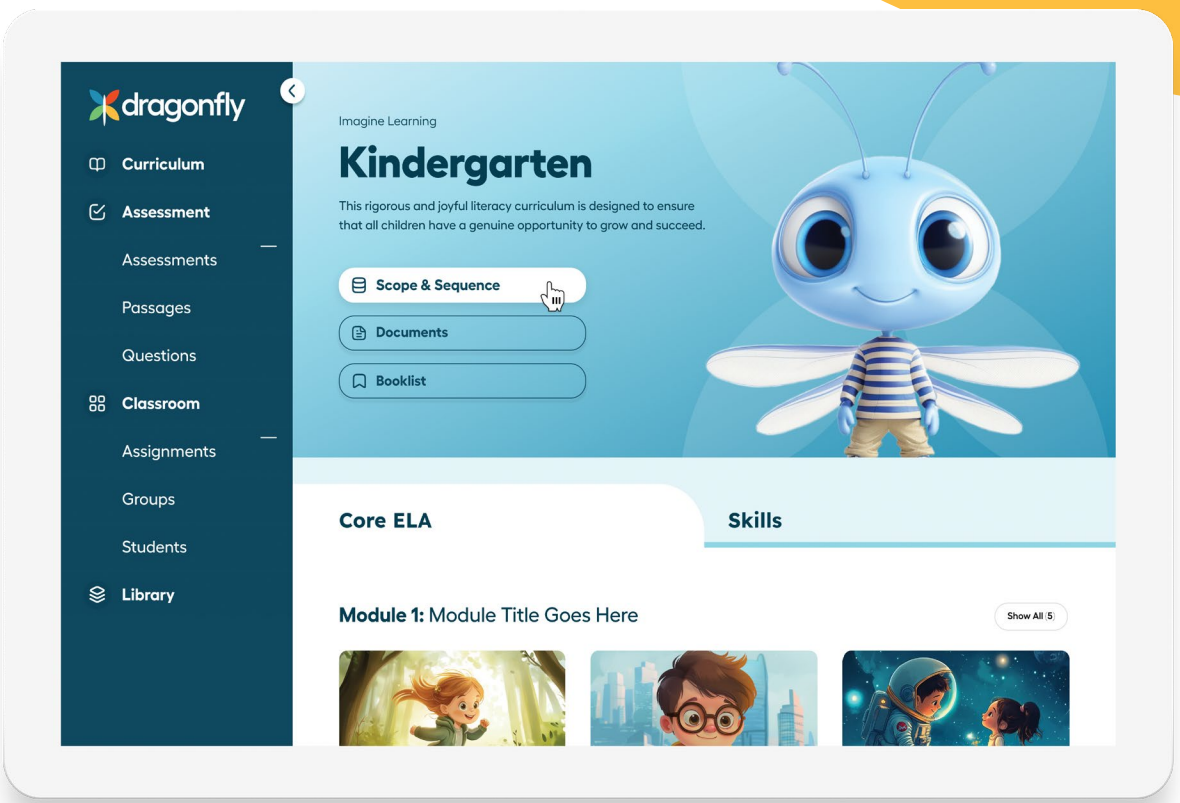
On-Demand Resources

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

Continued 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.

Easy-Click Assignments

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

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.

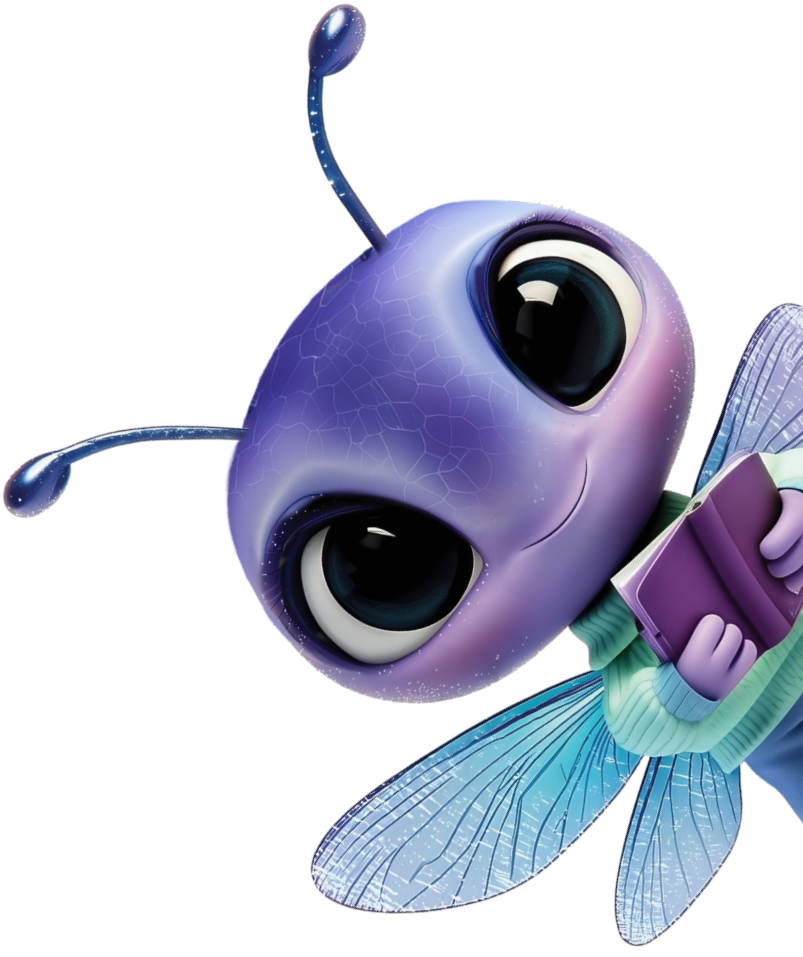
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