



## FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

We are excited to introduce our new elementary reading program called Bookworms to you! As educators, we are constantly seeking innovative ways to enhance literacy skills and foster a love for reading in our students. With Bookworms, we believe we have found a program that will enrich your child's reading abilities and ignite their imagination and curiosity.

Bookworms is designed for Kindergarten through 5th-grade students, providing tailored reading experiences suitable for each developmental stage. Whether your child is just beginning their reading journey or is already diving into chapter books, Bookworms K-5 offers a variety of engaging materials and activities to meet their needs.

#### **Here are some key features of the Bookworms K-5 program:**

1. **\*\*Diverse Reading Materials\*\***: From picture books to novels, this program offers a diverse selection of reading materials carefully curated to capture your child's interests and expand their literary horizons.
2. **\*\*Comprehensive Curriculum\*\***: Bookworms K-5 follows a comprehensive curriculum aligned with evidence-based literacy instruction. Through structured lessons and activities, students will develop essential reading skills such as phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.
3. **\*\*Interactive Learning\*\***: We understand the importance of making learning fun and interactive. Bookworms K-5 incorporates various interactive elements, including group discussions, multimedia resources, and hands-on projects, to keep students actively engaged in their reading journey.
4. **\*\*Parental Involvement\*\***: We believe that parental involvement plays a crucial role in a child's academic success. With Bookworms K-5, we encourage parents to actively participate in their child's reading experience by monitoring progress, discussing books together, and fostering a supportive reading environment at home.

5. **\*\*Progress Tracking\*\***: Through regular assessments and progress monitoring, teachers will track each student's reading development and provide personalized support as needed. Parents will also have access to tools and resources to monitor their child's progress and celebrate milestones along the way.

We are confident that Bookworms K-5 will inspire a lifelong love for reading in your child and equip them with the skills they need to succeed academically and beyond. We encourage you to explore the program with your child by visiting the Franklin County Public Library - Rocky Mount location or the Franklin County Public Library - Westlake Branch and join us in this exciting journey towards literacy excellence. We invite you to send us your comments via [\(link\)](#). **This curriculum will be accessible at both libraries until February 29, 2024 for your review. We appreciate community and family involvement.**

Sincerely,

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