

Grade 5 Reading Unit 3- Reading Nonfiction

In this unit, your child will immerse in the genre of nonfiction through reading science and social studies topics. After years of studying nonfiction, the goal of this unit is inquiry and research. By the end of the unit, your child will understand how the author uses information to engage, teach, and persuade.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Visualizing and inferring to determine the main idea
- Using text structures to organize note-taking
- Synthesizing information
- Reflecting on growth and setting goals for new learning in reading and research
- Determining author or source's credibility
- Analyzing facts
- Developing questions for research
- Researching both sides of an issue

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- What is the author doing to engage you in the text?
- What do you notice about nonfiction books? How are nonfiction books similar and different?
- What strategies did you use when you became confused or stuck?
- What are some questions you have while reading?

Some books your child will be exposed to in class are:

- When Lunch Fights Back by Rebecca Johnson
- Roanoke The Lost Colony: An Unsolved Mystery From History by Jane Yolen

You can support your child during this unit by providing opportunities to read nonfiction texts to practice these skills and by talking about multiple perspectives about a topic. Please enjoy reading together.