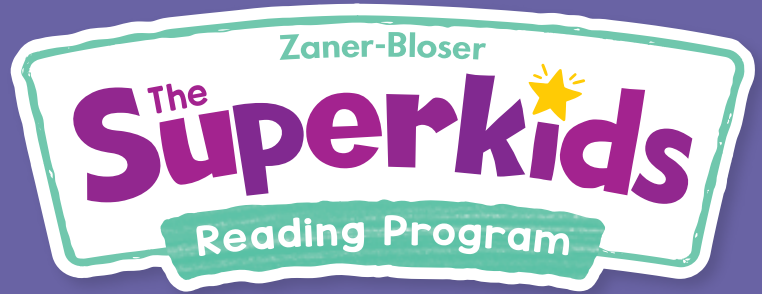


# The Program You Love, Refreshed and Enhanced



You asked, and we listened! The new edition of *The Superkids Reading Program* includes revisions based on customer feedback and aligns with the latest research into how K–2 students best learn to read. With an updated scope and sequence, improved teacher and student resources, and additional overall enhancements that remain true to the heart of the program, *Superkids* has been thoughtfully redesigned with students and teachers in mind.



## Grounded in Research, Infused with Fun



- ★ Spark motivation
- ★ Empower educators
- ★ Maximize outcomes

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## The Superkids

REFRESHED!

The updated cast of characters includes 14 total Superkids, each with updated interests and enriched backgrounds—plus their lovable dog, Golly. Many faces will be familiar to current *Superkids* users, and although a few old friends have moved away, we’re excited for you to meet several new Superkids who have moved to town! You’ll also meet many new characters including teachers, family members, and community members who interact with the Superkids as they adventure together. The refreshed cast better reflects the diversity of modern American classrooms, allowing more students to feel represented and develop meaningful points of connection with the characters.

The program also features a consistent, modernized art style across all grade levels that utilizes bright, bold colors and new scenery. The kid-tested illustrations help bring the stories to life and add to the inherent motivation of the program.



Learn more about the new edition of *Superkids* by visiting [go.zaner-bloser.com/superkids](http://go.zaner-bloser.com/superkids) or contacting your local sales consultant.

# Unit Organization and Instruction

## Unit Organization

⇒ENHANCED!⇐

The organization of units within *Superkids* has been enhanced to increase consistency within and across grades K–2 and to improve ease of use for teachers. Each grade level now has 18 total units, beginning with a warm-up unit. Each unit is 10 days long, for a total of 180 days of instruction. The *Superkids Phonemic Awareness* curriculum is now integrated into *The Superkids Reading Program*.

## Big Topics

⇒NEW!⇐

Students’ language comprehension progresses as they listen to and read fiction and informational texts that align to six Big Topics per grade level. They also discuss and write about what they’ve learned and answer Essential Questions that help solidify their knowledge base.

	Warm-Up Unit	Units 1–4	Units 5–8	Units 9–12	Units 13–16	Unit 17
Grade K	Making New Friends	Favorite Things	Learning About Our World	Community and Us	Nature and Us	Looking Back and Looking Ahead
Grade 1	Friends Old and New	Animals and Us	Tools and Technology	Arts and Entertainment	Mind and Body	Looking Back and Looking Ahead
Grade 2	Friends Old and New	Health and Wellbeing	Living Things and the Natural World	Customs and Celebrations	Exploration and Innovation	Looking Back and Looking Ahead

## Read-Aloud Books and Super Smarts

⇒ENHANCED!⇐

Read-Aloud Books are high-quality books that serve as the anchor of comprehension instruction and knowledge building for week one of each unit in grades K–1 and in even-numbered units in grade 2. The Read-Aloud Books are complex, authentic fiction and nonfiction texts by renowned authors that help introduce each unit and relate to the Big Topic.

All-new Super Smart Digital Interactive Read-Alouds, one per unit for grades K–1 and two per odd-numbered unit in grade 2, align with Big Topics and expose students to complex text while building vocabulary and background knowledge in science, social studies, and the arts.



## Writing and Big Topic Projects

⇒ENHANCED!⇐

Writing in the new edition is more closely aligned to the Reading strand and relates to the unit’s Big Topic.

During Writing instruction, students integrate their Word Work skills with the knowledge they’ve gained through listening to, reading, and discussing texts to write increasingly complex compositions. At the end of each Big Topic, the Writing strand focuses on a culminating task. These tasks ask students to demonstrate what they’ve learned via a variety of modalities.

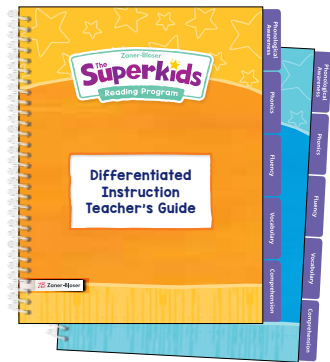
# New Components and Digital Experiences

## Differentiated Instruction and Multilingual Learner Teacher's Guides

NEW!

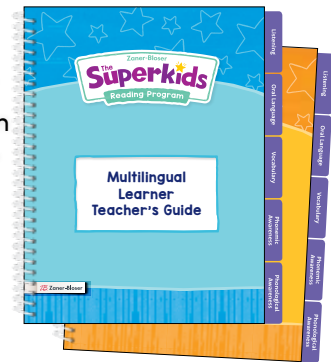
### Differentiated Instruction Teacher's Guides

These grade-specific guides include a comprehensive collection of activities and resources to help teachers differentiate instruction to build specific skills within the skill strands, including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, writing, and more. They provide quick assessments, reteaching information, targeted skill practice, and challenging activities.



### Multilingual Learner Teacher's Guides

These grade-specific guides include resources and activities to assist in differentiating instruction for students whose first language is not English. The guides provide suggestions and opportunities for multilingual learners to draw upon their unique strengths and bolster their specific areas of challenge and include the two most prevalent levels of differentiation for multilingual learners.



## Teacher Resource Books

NEW!

New Teacher Resource Books for each grade level consolidate reproducible Resource Pages for whole group reading and writing instruction and Practice Pages for independent work time and homework. The Resource Pages include graphic organizers as well as vocabulary and writing activities. The Practice Pages reinforce the week's word work and fluency skills and are completed independently while the teacher works with small groups.



## Teacher/Administrator Portal

ENHANCED!

MyZBPortal.com upgrades for teachers and digital administrators include more robust reporting capabilities featuring data visualizations, including state standards in assessment data, the ability to preview student assessments, and the ability to assign activities to individual students via Quests.



## Superkids World

NEW!

The new edition of *Superkids* features an all-new digital student experience called Superkids World. Students can explore and interact with Superkids World and the Superkids themselves using their customizable avatar and visit locations on a map to read texts, play games, watch videos, and more. The students' My Own Webpage feature allows them to edit their avatar, access the Superkids Own Webpages (K-2), and view their achievements. Super Smarts, songs, animations, and games have all been updated and modernized.

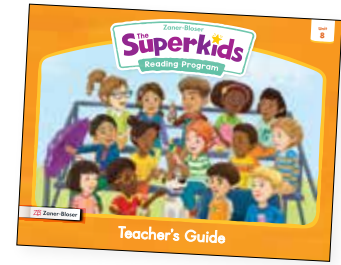


Superkids World  
available fall 2026

## Integrated Teacher's Guides

ENHANCED!

Teacher's Guides for all program instruction, including whole class instruction, Writing, and Super Smarts, have been integrated into one Teacher's Guide per unit, making lesson instruction seamless and easier to navigate.



## Word Work Scope and Sequence

ENHANCED!

Changes to the grade K scope and sequence align with the latest reading research, best practices, and customer feedback and include

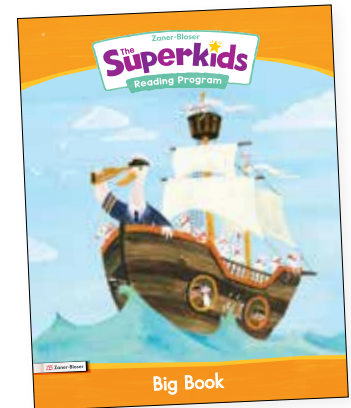
- one sound introduced per week.
- more continuous sounds (*Mm /m/, Ss /s/, Nn /n/*) taught in early units.
- letters with similar shapes and sounds (*Mm /m/* and *Nn /n/*) separated (not taught in continuous units).
- ability to decode many words familiar to students earlier, such as *sat, man, not*, and more.
- explicit, systematic instruction of blends—*stop, club, jump*—beginning in Unit 13.
- two long-vowel patterns introduced in the last three weeks: CV as in *hi* and CVCe as in *cake*.

## Big Book

NEW!

The new Big Book gives students a shared reading experience with their teacher, who will read its nursery rhymes, silly poems, and riddles aloud during circle time. The Big Book will motivate and engage students as they learn about

- print and book awareness.
- language play.
- phonemic awareness.
- thinking process modeled by the teacher.
- making predictions.
- activating prior knowledge.
- genres.



## Decodable Library Books

REFRESHED!

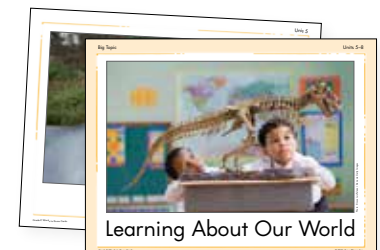
Grade K begins with the Welcome to Superkids Library, a set of exciting stories to help new readers practice their decoding skills and get to know the Superkids characters. Three decodable libraries, used in Units 9–17, are all on grade level with varying degrees of complexity. Within units, all decodable books fall into the same genre and alternate between fiction and informational text.



## Words to Know Cards

NEW!

Words to Know Cards have been added to grade K! Content on the back of each card gives teachers more support to help students access these academic vocabulary words: a definition, a context sentence, and translations into ten different languages for Multilingual Learners. Six Big Topic cards are now included to highlight the corresponding Essential Questions.



# Grade 1

ENHANCED!

## Word Work Scope and Sequence

Changes to the grade 1 scope and sequence align with the latest reading research, best practices, and customer feedback and include

- explicit instruction on initial and final blends.
- common vowel teams taught over three weeks rather than one.
- explicit instruction on six syllable types.

## Reading Skills Books

NEW!

New Reading Skills Books will be used to provide students practice with comprehension skills and allow students to more fully

- apply comprehension skills or strategies.
- understand text structure.
- find evidence to support reasoning.
- respond to a text.
- build knowledge about a topic.
- develop academic vocabulary.
- reflect on or respond to what they have read.

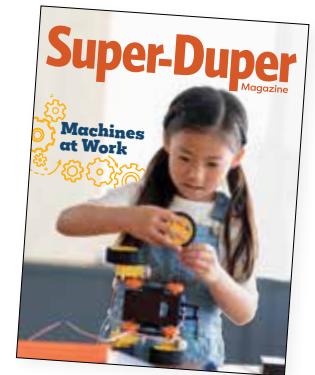


## Super-Duper Magazines

ENHANCED!

Super-Duper Magazines have received major upgrades to their design and contents, with a stronger focus on building content-area vocabulary and background knowledge in science and social studies subjects aligning to the Big Topics. Issues now include

- two feature articles—one used for shared reading during whole group instruction and one to be read in small groups for practice with decoding and comprehension.
- Short Bits (small decodable passages of informational text) for independent reading.
- a recurring feature that provides instructions to make an easy, theme-relevant craft.
- a recurring rotating feature that may be a poem, advice column, or other fun, kid-approved content.



## Decodable Library Books

REFRESHED!

Grade 1 decodable library books alternate between fiction and nonfiction, with all texts within a unit being the same genre. Three different libraries—Library 1, Library 2, and Library 3—are all on grade level but provide varying degrees of challenge to readers through increasing text complexity.



## Words to Know Cards

ENHANCED!

New content on the back of each card gives teachers more support to help students access these academic vocabulary words: a definition, a context sentence, and translations into ten different languages for multilingual learners. Six Big Topic cards are now included to highlight the corresponding Essential Questions.



## Word Work Scope and Sequence **⇒ENHANCED!⇐**

Changes to the grade 2 scope and sequence align with the latest reading research and best practices and include

- explicit instruction for blends, multisyllabic words, and morphology.
- explicit instruction on six syllable types.
- slower pacing of skills instruction to help students achieve mastery.
- vowel teams for the same sound taught together.
- clear logic behind sequence that allows students to review skills they know and immediately build on those skills.

## Reading Skills Books **⇒NEW!⇐**

New Reading Skills Books will be used to provide students practice with comprehension skills and allow students to more fully

- apply comprehension skills or strategies.
- understand text structure.
- find evidence to support reasoning.
- respond to a text.
- build knowledge about a topic.
- develop academic vocabulary.
- reflect on or respond to what they have read.

## Super Smarts **⇒NEW!⇐**

Super Smarts have been introduced to grade 2! There are 18 brand-new Super Smarts, two for each Super Magazine unit.



## Book Club **⇒REFRESHED!⇐**

The revised Book Club features 24 total books with no overlap across the three levels. Each student will read 8 books throughout the year, and questions like those formerly found in Book Talk Journals are now integrated within the Reading Skills Books.



## Words to Know Cards **⇒ENHANCED!⇐**

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