

Why Decodable Books?

- Provide targeted reading practice using phonics patterns students have already been taught.
- Reinforce phonemic awareness and phonics instruction in authentic reading experiences.
- Bridge the gap between isolated skill practice and fluent reading.
- Build confidence and automaticity in early readers, reducing reliance on guessing strategies.

Alignment with UFLI Foundations

- UFLI Foundations is our core systematic phonics program grounded in the Science of Reading.
- Decodable texts must:
 - Align with UFLI scope and sequence.
 - Match taught grapheme-phoneme correspondences.
 - Support explicit and cumulative instruction.

Science of Reading & READ Act Alignment

- Science of Reading emphasizes structured literacy: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- READ Act (e.g., Colorado, or your state equivalent) mandates:
Use of evidence-based reading instruction.
 - Progress monitoring of foundational skills.
 - Early intervention using aligned materials, including decodables.

Current Gaps & Needs

- Existing leveled readers often prioritize predictable patterns over phonics skills—counterproductive to Science of Reading.
- We lack a comprehensive set of decodable books aligned to:
 - Each phonics skill taught weekly.
 - Small-group instruction and intervention.
 - We need sets for K–2 classrooms, intervention groups, and take-home reading.

Benefits of purchasing these sets

- Grades K-2 and special education will all share one library of the decodable books versus needing to purchase multiple sets.
- Supports early literacy growth—especially in K–2, our most critical years.
- Ensures compliance with state Read Act mandates and MN State Standards
- We want students to have books in their hands to read- not just Ipads or printed passages.
- Helps teachers deliver consistent, aligned instruction.
- Includes both fiction and non-fiction texts
- Full sets cost approximately \$4,500 per class but we already have the required manipulatives so we chose to go the cheaper route.