



# BOOKWORMS | a comprehensive core reading program for K-5

Bookworms, a comprehensive core reading program for K-5, is available at no cost to all Georgia teachers. Lesson plans, manuals, and other supporting resources are available at [bit.ly/gadoebookworms](http://bit.ly/gadoebookworms).

*Implementation requires three 45-minute segments, which can be scheduled in any order:*

## 1) Interactive read-aloud, grammar, and writing instruction.

The daily read-aloud, which takes about 15 minutes, is highly interactive, involving frequent pauses to prompt inferential thinking and briefly model comprehension strategies in context. The next 15 minutes involve grammar instruction based on sentence composing, rather than descriptive grammar. The last 15 minutes are reserved for writing, and the read-aloud lesson plans extend through about half of each nine weeks – with the remaining 45-minute segments reserved entirely for writing projects.

## 2) Shared reading

At all grade levels, this segment involves eyes-on text and word study – in kindergarten, through the use of big books to teach print concepts, and in grades 1-5, through a word study component followed by two readings of grade-level text.

## 3) Differentiated reading instruction

Through this segment, easily gathered data guide teachers in the formation of small, temporary groups for targeted instruction. Ultimately, students progress up a carefully sequenced staircase of increasingly sophisticated skills.

*The system was developed by Sharon Walpole and Michael McKenna with support from the Georgia Department of Education*

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