



Reading Program helping kids love reading

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An Afterschool Reading Program Designed at DCIS, Built to Engage

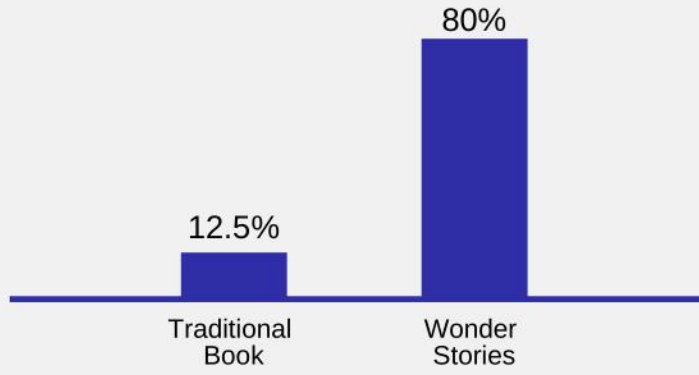
Wonder Stories was built over four years of research at DCIS and the Boys & Girls Clubs in Denver by Dr. Elliott Hedman, who earned his PhD at the MIT Media Lab using sensors to measure emotions from physical data. Reading Wonder Stories is 6x more effective than traditional reading formats.

Inquiry-Based Reading turns every book into a scavenger hunt

Embedded questions and mystery-driven plots turn every book into a puzzle while helping students practice close reading and social-emotional skills. Students receive points for every correct question, but all effort is rewarded!



Average Comprehension Scores Grades 1-3



During our DPS pilot, participants who read Wonder Stories scored multiple grade levels higher on their comprehension tests.

We worked with a group of reluctant readers in DCIS Fairmont's after school program during Fall of 2021. Students we worked with, who typically failed comprehension tests, scored much higher when they were motivated and able to focus on Wonder Stories books.

Post-Covid, many students are falling behind in reading, and we want to give them tools that meet their emotional needs and help them catch back up.



Dr. Elliott Hedman
Creator of Wonder Stories



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66% of US 9 year olds are below reading level



over half of children report they don't like to read



Struggling readers read an average of 5 minutes per week