

The background is a light blue gradient. On the left, there is an illustration of an open book with yellow pages and a dark blue cover. Several balloons (red, green, blue, and yellow) are tied to the book's pages and float upwards. There are also white clouds scattered around. In the upper right quadrant, there is a red heart, a blue cloud, a blue circle, and a yellow square.

Welcome Wyngate Elementary PTA!

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Ways to Support Children's Literacy Growth



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Together with
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- Read to and with your children every day
- Listen to your children read
 - Decodable books for beginning readers
- Talk to your children about the books they are reading and the books you read together




Read and Discuss Texts Together




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- Talk to your child (a lot)!
 - Ask children open-ended questions
 - Ask children questions before, during, and after reading together
 - Learn more about topics of interest together
 - Visit our school's [eBook collection](#)



**Build
Knowledge
Together
Through
Conversations**

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- Make reading a daily activity
 - Promote writing in fun ways
 - Prompting Strategies
 - Montgomery County Public Library



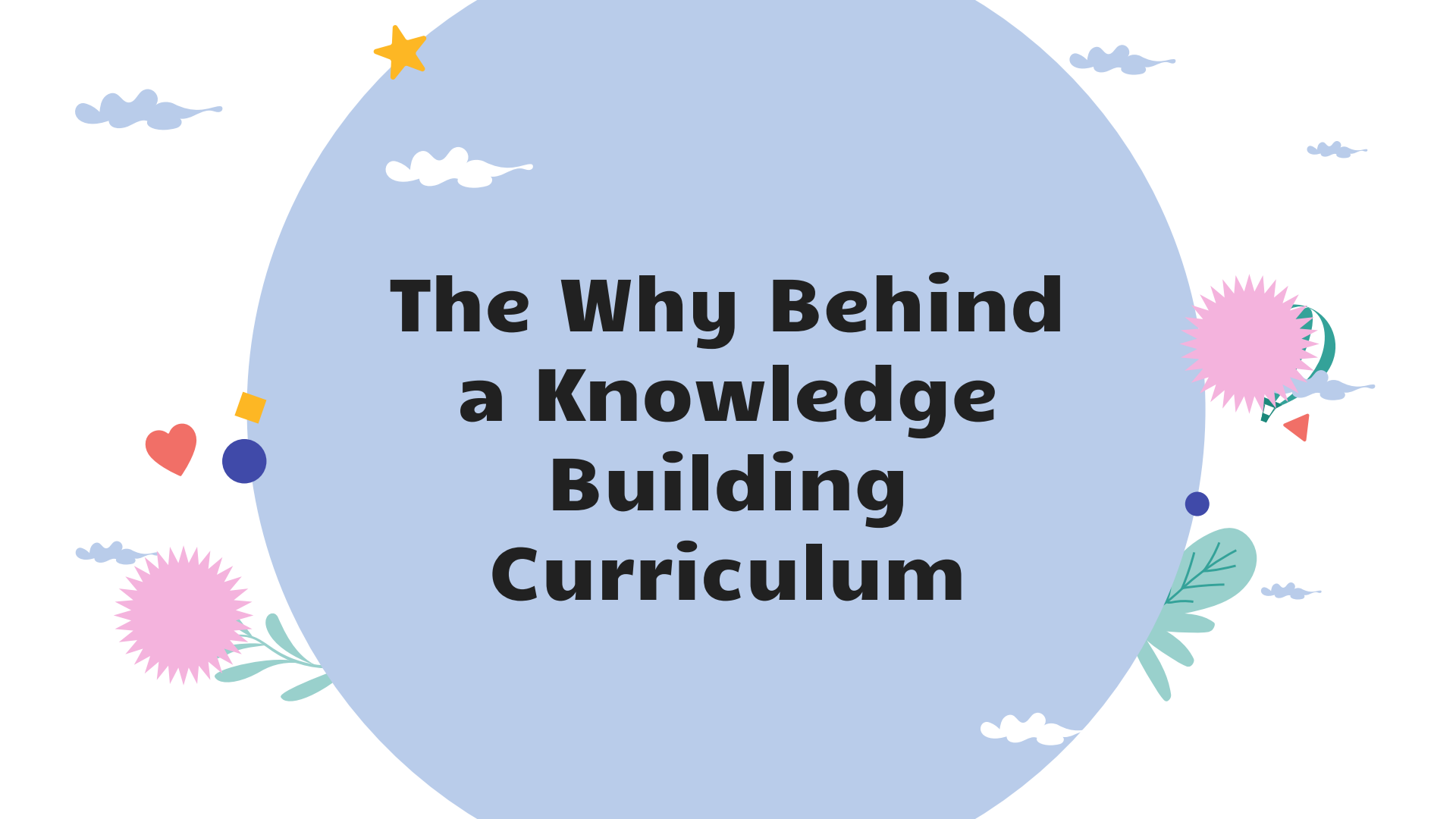
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Introduction to Core Knowledge Language Arts



**The Why Behind
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Watchable by mcpsmd.net.

Getting Clear on Reading Comprehension

“But what if it’s possible to provide all students, including the neediest, with the kind of education that enables them to enjoy learning, understand and retain what they read, become responsible citizens- and even increase test scores? What if it turns out that the best way to boost reading comprehension is not to focus on comprehension skills at all but to teach kids, as early as possible, the history and science we’ve been putting off until it’s too late?”

-Natalie Wexler, *The Knowledge Gap*



Why Knowledge Building

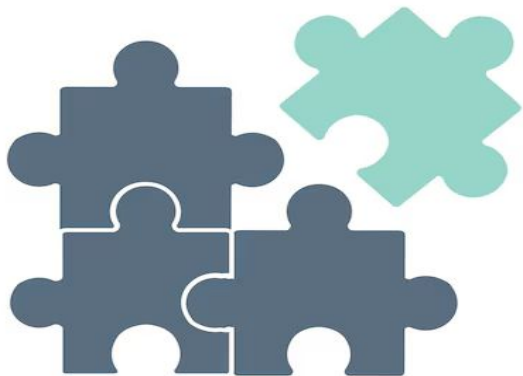
**“How can we get the
greatest number of kids
to read proficiently?”**

Characteristics of Effective ELA Instruction

Research tells us that the following ingredients are crucial in students' ability and intrinsic desire to read well:

- **Coherently building knowledge of words and the world.**
- **Teaching students to read through systematic foundational skills instruction until word recognition is automatic and students are fully fluent.**
- **Affording every student access to focused, close communal reading of content-rich complex texts.**

Last Piece of the Puzzle



High quality instructional materials acts as a catalyst in the knowledge building process.

It presents content in a coherent sequence, promoting deeper connections between related topics.



Thank you!

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership!



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