Word Heroes helps teachers get the most out of their instructional time by delivering power-packed 20-minute lessons.

Through a variety of age-appropriate activities and a highly active 5-day routine, Word Heroes adds an instructional punch to your day by combining essential elements of literacy instruction.

**How Does It Work?**

**Day 1: Read Aloud and Teach New Words**
- Prompts embedded in the read-aloud foster engagement with the text.
- Child-friendly definitions and research-based routines make words easy to teach.

**Day 2: Build Comprehension**
- Discussion points prompt students to discuss words and text together.
- Interactive vocabulary activities help students apply words in new contexts.

**Day 3: Engage with Words and Text**
- Photo cards give a new visual context for discussion and have teacher tips on the back.
- A guided retelling of the selection lets students act out key events and details.

**Day 4: Deepen Understanding**
- Close reading activities model how to dive deeper into texts.
- Personal Word Heroes Journal entries let students make the words their own.

**Day 5: Demonstrate Learning**
- A wrap-up activity motivates students to continue using new words.
- A short assessment and journal activity shows the progress for that week.

**Review Week: Reinforce and Celebrate Learning**
- After three weeks of instruction, the unit concludes with a Cumulative 5-day Review that reinforces learning.
- Wow Words and close reading activities are revisited in discussions, writing lessons, games, and a Word Heroes celebration!

**SUPPORT ENGLISH LEARNERS**

Daily support for English language learners is built in during the reading, discussions, skills instruction, activities, and games.

**BOOST LANGUAGE AT HOME**

The Daily Word newsletters, the Word Heroes chart, and the wearable Wowbands keep families involved and supercharge language at home.

**WORD HEROES JOURNAL**

Word Heroes Journals provide an opportunity for students to show what they know by using Wow Words in their own writing. Over time, journals become:
- An authentic representation of students’ understanding.
- A valuable tool for portfolio assessment.
- A prized keepsake for children and families.