

Parent Guide to the

# Phonics and Word Analysis Skills

# Today's Standard

5.RF.3 - Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading complex texts with unfamiliar words; Decoding new vocabulary in science and social studies; Improving spelling accuracy; Enhancing reading fluency; Understanding word roots and affixes

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using phonics and word analysis to read new words. This helps us read harder books and understand new words we find.

### **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think phonics is only for easy words, but it helps with hard words too. Others think once they know a word, they don't need to study it more, but studying words helps us learn more about them.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a prefix?
- What is a suffix?
- How can phonics help you read a new word?
- Why is it important to study words you already know?
- Can you give an example of a word with a prefix?

#### Help Me

Phonics and word analysis help you read new and hard words. You can use these skills to read better and understand what you read. For example, if you know the word 'unhappy', you can understand 'un' means 'not' and 'happy' means 'glad'.