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**Wireless Generation and Mondo Publishing  
Introduce mCLASS®: Reading 3D™ Mondo Edition**

**Leading Handheld Computer-Based Early Reading Assessment Now Available  
with Mondo's High-Quality Fiction and Nonfiction Leveled Readers for Grades K–5**

New York, NY (May 4, 2009) Wireless Generation, the leading provider of handheld-to-Web-based assessments for reading and math, and Mondo Publishing, a trusted source for high-quality elementary literacy materials and professional development, today introduce mCLASS:Reading 3D Mondo Edition. This new edition of Wireless Generation's broadly adopted handheld computer-based mCLASS:Reading 3D assessment features a benchmark set of 47 fiction and nonfiction leveled texts from Mondo's *Bookshop Reading* K–5 core program.

With this introduction, Wireless Generation and Mondo are deepening a long-term collaboration. For years Mondo titles have been popular selections from the mCLASS:Reading 3D library, which offers thousands of leveled texts with which to give reading record assessments for monitoring student progress. With mCLASS:Reading 3D Mondo Edition, teachers can now conduct benchmark assessments using Mondo titles through 5<sup>th</sup> grade three times per year. In addition, educators using Mondo's literacy resources, including *Bookshop Reading*, now have an option for handheld-based early reading assessment and oral language assessment.

mCLASS:Reading 3D combines two important kinds of assessment to provide a comprehensive and detailed view of each student's literacy development. The Mondo benchmark books are used in giving mCLASS:Reading 3D's Text Reading and Comprehension component. This includes reading records and diagnostic measures for probing students reading comprehension, accuracy, and fluency. mCLASS:Reading 3D also includes the research-based, nationally-normed Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS®), which alerts teachers when students who are at risk of failing to reach key milestones in reading development. With mCLASS software, teachers use handheld computers to record student responses and reading behaviors, receiving assessment results immediately on the device. After syncing the handheld, results are uploaded to a secure Web site offering in-depth reports, data analysis, and instructional planning tools. Many of the nation's largest school systems use mCLASS:Reading 3D for its unique blend of DIBELS and diagnostic guided reading measures.

"Mondo leveled readers are known for being consistently engaging and authentic literature, with demonstrated reliability that reflects the company's assessment-driven professional development origins," said Larry Berger, Wireless Generation's CEO and Co-Founder. "We are confident that educators will welcome having Mondo books in mCLASS:Reading 3D for both benchmark and progress monitoring assessment."

"Wireless Generation's mCLASS software has become the preferred method for handheld observational assessment in early reading because of its time-saving efficiency and the rich information it provides to help teachers target instruction to students' needs," said Mark Vineis, President and founder of Mondo

Publishing. “We are excited to introduce a Mondo version of mCLASS:Reading 3D for educators who value our exciting literature and core and intervention resources.”

*mCLASS:Reading 3D Mondo Edition* will be available for the start of the 2009–2010 school year.

### **About Mondo Publishing**

Mondo Publishing specializes in K–5 literacy materials and professional development. Products include a wide range of literacy materials from a comprehensive core reading program to a variety of reading intervention materials to support a district's existing instructional program. Mondo was originally founded as a professional development organization providing training, instructional management systems, and resources to districts across the country. Research indicates that Mondo's assessment-driven approach to strengthening literacy instruction is particularly effective with high-poverty students, English Language Learners, and low-language students. The innovative Mondo oral language assessment is particularly useful for identifying and assisting such students. Studies have highlighted the program's effectiveness with learners of different ethnicities, income levels, and language backgrounds both in the United States and abroad. Based in Manhattan, Mondo has worked with a number of the nation's largest school districts, including New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, San Diego, Miami, and New Haven. More information is available on the Web at [www.mondopub.com](http://www.mondopub.com).

### **About Wireless Generation**

Wireless Generation supports PreK-12 educators in improving teaching and learning. The company invented mCLASS® software, enabling teachers to use handheld devices for giving formative assessments in the elementary grades. By using handhelds instead of paper, teachers save significant time and receive assessment results immediately. Additional Web-based reporting, analysis, and instructional planning tools, as well as professional development, help educators to act on students' data. Wireless Generation's Burst™:Reading is a K-3 reading intervention that uses sophisticated technology to analyze assessment data and produce sequences of lessons for each student, helping teachers to match their instruction to varied learning needs. In addition, the company provides consulting, design, and development services for state and district systems that centralize student data and integrate social networking tools to help educators share solutions to specific problems in their classrooms. A partner to thousands of school systems, Wireless Generation is widely regarded as a leader in how technology can help address the challenges of education and reform. More information is available on the Web at [www.WirelessGeneration.com](http://www.WirelessGeneration.com).

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