



What Works

Title 1 Reading

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“What Works” for Reading Specialists

Teaching Materials

1. “Are They Thinking? A Thinking-Skills Program for the Elementary Grades”

A book by Greta and Ted Rasmussen ~ Copyright 1996 Tin Man Press

www.tinmanpress.com

This book offers short, one page activities that help students sharpen their thinking skills including how to analyze information, draw inferences, generate ideas, make connections, and solve problems. The book has reproducible pages.

2. Randall Klein

Klein Method Early Reading Mastery

www.kleinmethod.com

P.O. Box 10935

1-800-890-1961

Bozeman, MT 59719

Randall Klein offers manipulative cards that can be used to teach phonemic awareness, letter recognition, the alphabetic principle, decoding, word identification, simple sentences, and decodable readers.

3. “Swap It!”

These playing cards are from the Really GoodStuff catalog. There are short and long vowel sets, CVCe patterns, and other spelling patterns. It is played like Crazy Eights and reinforces vowel instruction for decoding.

4. Easy Readers by Margaret Hillert

These are very old books filled with sight words. The vocabulary is limited, but the pictures carry the story line of these well-known tales. It works well to read the full-length book to students or have the students listen to a tape of the story before they read the easy-reader version by Margaret Hillert. Since they know the story before reading, the easy-reader version has much more meaning to them. There are several books that coordinate with well known fairy tales, for example, Hansel and Gretel is called The Cookie House, and Jack and the Beanstalk is called Magic Beans.

5. Phonics Comics from Innovative Kids www.innovativekids.com

These paperback books come in three levels for primary readers. They look like a comic book inside, but unlike regular comic books, the text has many sight words.

Teaching Materials (continued)

6. Orton-Gillingham www.bartonreading.com

An Orton-Gillingham approach has been proven effective for struggling readers. This approach encompasses the five components of reading with an emphasis on phonemic awareness, phonics and fluency. Several commercial programs have been designed based on the research of Orton-Gillingham.

Barton Reading and Spelling Program is a self-training example of an Orton-Gillingham approach. One particularly valuable strategy is when students are taught to physically, as well as visually, pull apart multi-syllabic words and decode the words using the patterns they have been taught.

Motivation

1. Book Parties

At the beginning of each month, students in grades 4 - 6 are given a home reading project to complete by the end of the month. There is a book party at the end of each month to congratulate those students who have completed their project. The celebration takes place during their regular reading time and includes a free book, a small prize, a treat, and time to play a reading game.

For students who have completed their home reading goal each month for a semester, there is a semester party. This party usually takes place over the lunch hour and all students come to a special lunch provided by the Title 1 teachers. This process motivates some of our older students who otherwise would choose not to read at home.

Poetry

1. "Perfect Poems, With Strategies for Building Fluency" – Scholastic 2004
2. "A Poem a Day" Helen H. Moore - Scholastic 1997
3. "Partner Poems for Building Fluency" Bobbi Katz – 2007
4. "Oh My Darling Porcupine and Other Silly Sing-Along Songs" Bruce Lansky Meadowlark Press 2006

Books for Partner Reading

1. We Both Read Treasure Bay www.webothread.com

This series offers leveled books from kindergarten through second grade. The page on the left side of the book has more complex text and is designed for the adult to read, while the page on the right has easier text for the child to read. We use these books for check out so parents and children can read a story together.

Books for Partner Reading (continued)

2. Books by Mary Ann Hoberman – Little Brown and Company

“You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You, Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together”

“You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You, Very Short Mother goose Tales to Read Together”

“You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You, Very Short Scary Tales to Read Together”

“You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You, Very Short Stories to Read Together”

Spelling

To spell because, sing to the tune of *London Bridge*:

“B-e-c-a-u-s-e - u-s-e - u-s-e B-e-c-a-u-s-e Because, because, because.

Teaching Techniques & Strategies

1. Beginning, Middle, & End - See attached form.

This strategy helps students learn the framework for a story. After reading the story, students write one sentence in each box.

This format can be used to create a framework for writing an original story, or it can be a tool to teach students to write book reports and story summaries. If students have difficulty deciding what the main problem is, have them think about how the story ended. The main problem often becomes immediately clear because the story ends when the main problem has been resolved.

2. Stretch-a-Word

Tape 9 pieces of colored paper on the floor to make a 3x3 grid large enough for the child to stretch out on. Write the letters **a, b, d, f, m, n, p, s,** and **t** on the construction paper squares of the grid. The letter **a** should be in the middle. The teacher says a three-letter word that has the short vowel a sound, such as **fan** or **nap**. Have the child spell the word by putting her feet on the first letter, the left hand on the second letter (which will always be **a**), and the right hand on the third letter. *Reading Activities*

3. Gradual Release of Responsibility

The Demonstration Stage

The teacher models by thinking aloud. Students listen.

Shared Demonstration Stage

The teacher leads the lesson, demonstrating strategies. Students are encouraged to respond and interact.

Guided Practice

The teacher guides instruction. Students take charge of their learning.

Independent Practice

Students apply what they have learned as the teacher supplies minimal help to support and encourage students.

Phoneme Segmentation

1. Teacher models with a slinky how to stretch out a word as the word is said. /mmmm/aaaa/nnnn. Teacher models with stretched out slinky how to bring it back to original length and says the word fast: /man/. Children pretend to stretch their own slinky as they say the sounds in different words. You could use a rubber band as well.
2. Teacher will say a CVC or a CCVC word (i.e. sat). Using a Say and Slide mat, teacher models segmenting each sound of **sat** into phonemes by saying each sound and sliding a chip down for each sound on the mat. (*I've DIBELed, Now What?*)

Variations: Teacher models saying the individual phonemes while connecting plastic cubes. /s/ take a cube, /a/ connect a cube to the first one, /t/ add a cube. How many sounds?
3. Teacher models how to count sounds on the non-writing hand. "Say the sounds while counting on your fingers. Then write the letters while you say the sounds out loud. Double check—is this the word I want?" (Susan Barton)
4. Jumping Syllables ~ Manipulation of Syllables. Separate a two-syllable word into two parts. Make the syllables jump by putting the beginning at the end to make a silly word. /mistake/ - /mis/ /take/ - /takemis/ Jump the syllables (Title 1 conference)

Reader's Theater

Really Good Stuff Publishing has multi-copy sets of reader's theater books at a variety of reading levels. <http://www.reallygoodstuff.com>

Comprehension

1. The 5 W's

The student traces his hand on paper, and writes Who, What, When Where, and Why on it. After reading, the student fills in a short phrase on each finger to answer the questions. This can be used as a review before reading the next section or chapter.

2. Main Idea

Draw a table on your paper. The tabletop is the main idea. The 4 legs are the supporting details. Discuss how the main idea needs support. Draw tables on Post-it notes while you read to comprehend main ideas.

Books for Teachers/Parents

1. **Reading at Home A to Z 26 Family Reading Habits** by Brenda Ehrmantraut ~ illustrated by Robbie Short. This short paperback book highlights each letter of the alphabet with a habit you see in homes where reading is a valued activity.
2. **Overcoming Dyslexia** by Sally Shaywitz. This is a book written for parents and teachers who are working with struggling readers.

Software and Computer Sites

1. Quia <http://www.quia.com/pages/havefun.html>

This site offers practice with vocabulary, word knowledge, grammar, questions forms, comprehension, figurative language and phonological awareness. One of the students' favorite activities is Who Wants to be a Millionaire. There is also a link to a good sequencing activity.

2. Into the Book website <http://reading.ecb.org>

Good website for comprehension. Videos and practice activities to teach prior knowledge, making connections, questioning, visualizing, inferring, summarizing, evaluating, and synthesizing.

3. Teacher-Made Scott Foresman Website <http://classroom.ic-schools.net/waltkek/>

This teacher-made website is designed to coordinate with the Scott Foresman reading series.

4. Starfall Website www.starfall.com

This free site for primary students has a variety of reading activities for early readers.

5. Headsprout www.headsprout.com

Commercial computer program used to increase the skills of K-2 or older struggling readers. Sign up for 3 free trial lessons.

6. Destination Reading www.hmlt.hmco.com

Commercial site developed by Houghton Mifflin for preK-8 reading

7. Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org

Reading website designed for parents and teachers

8. Free Reading www.freereading.org

Provides free lessons for activities that introduce and improve reading skills

Software We Are Previewing

Lexia www.lexialearning.com

Research-based interactive program designed to improve reading skills using the proven approach recommended by the National Reading Panel

Good Picture Books for Kids

Compiled by Glenda Kiser
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31 Uses for a Mom	Harriet Ziefert/Rebecca Doughty
A Fine, Fine School	Sharon Creech
All I Am	Eileen Roe/Helen Cogancherry
Alligator Baby	Robert Munsch/Michael Martchenko
Alphabet War, The	Diane Burton Robb
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride	Pam Munoz Ryan,/Brian Selznick
Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock	Eric Kimmel/Janet Stevens
Anansi and the Talking Melon	Eric Kimmel/Janet Stevens
Animals Should Definitely <u>Not</u> Wear Clothing	Judi Barrett/Ron Barrett
Art Lesson, The	Tomie dePaola
Axle Annie	Robin Pulver/Tedd Arnold
Baa Baa Black Sheep	Iza Trapani
Bad Dog Marley	John Grogan
Basho and the Fox	Tim Meyers/Oki S. Han
Beardream	Will Hobbs
Beasty Story, A	Bill Martin Jr./Steven Kellogg
Big Anthony His Story	Tomie dePaola
Big Chickens	Leslie Helakoski
Biggest, Best Snowman, The	Margery Cuyler/ Will Hillenbrand
Boo!	Colin McNaughton
Boy Who Held Back the Sea, The	Thomas Locker
Buffalo Jump, The	Peter Roop
Bugs	David T. Greenburg
Bunyans, The	Audry Wood/David Shannon
By the Dawn's Early Light	Steven Kroll/Dan Andreasen
Cave	Diane Siebert/Wayne McLoughlin
Chicken Soup with Rice	Maurice Sendak
Chimps Don't Wear Glasses	Laura Numeroff/Joe Mathieu
Christmas Blizzard, The	Helen Ketteman/James Warhola
Chrysanthemum	Kevin Henkes
Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type	Doreen Cronin/Betsy Lewin
Cloud Dance	Thomas Locker
Cook-A-Doodle-Do	Janet Stevens/Susan Stevens Crummel
Crayon Counting Book, The	Pam Munoz Ryan/Jerry Pallotta
Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti	Anna Grossnickle Hines
Daniel's Dinosaurs	Charles Helm/Joan Zimmer
David Goes to School	David Shannon
Dog Who Had Kittens, The	Janet Stevens
Doorbell Rang, The	Pat Hutchins
Duck and Goose	Tad Hills
Easter Egg Farm, The	Mary Jane Auch
Ed and Fred Flea	Pamela Duncan Edwards/Henry Cole

Emily's First 100 Days of School	Rosemary Wells
First Day Jitters	Julie Danneberg
First Grade Takes a Test	Miriam Cohen/Lillian Hoban
Flag We Love, The	Pam Munoz Ryan
Fortunately	Remy Charlip
Franklin & the Scooter	Sharon Jennings
Franklin's Library Book	Sharon Jennings
Franklin's Pond Phantom	Sharon Jennings
Frog Prince	Jon Scieszka
Full Belly Bowl	Jim Aylesworth/Wendy Anderson Halperin
Ghost-Eye Tree, The	Bill Martin Jr.
Gingerbread Baby	Jan Brett
Gracias The Thanksgiving Turkey	Joy Cowley/Joe Cepeda
Grouchy Ladybug, The	Eric Carle
Happy Birthday Martin Luther King	Jean Marzollo/J. Brian Pinkney
Here We go 'Round the Mulberry Bush	Iza Trapani
Horance and Morris and Mostly Delores	James How/Amy Walrod
How Are You Peeling?	Saxon Freymann and Joost Elffers
How Do You Make a Bubble?	Hooks, Oppenheim, & Brenner
Huckabuck Family	Carl Sandburg/David Small
I Love You with All My Heart	Noris Kern
I Will Never Eat a Tomato	Lauren Child
I'll Fix Anthony	Judith Viorst/Arnold Lobel
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Laura Numeroff
If You're Not From the Prairie	David Bouchard
Imogene's Antlers	David Small
Important Book, The	Margaret Wise Brown/Leonard Weisgard
Is Your Mama a Llama	Deborah Guarino
It Looked Like Spilt Milk	Charles G. Shaw
It Wasn't My Fault	Helen Lester/Lynn Munsinger
It's Raining, It's Pouring	Kim Eagle/Rob Gilbert
Jessica	Kevin Henkes
Jolly Postman, The	Janet and Allen Ahlberg
Julius The Baby of the World	Kevin Henkes
Knots on a Counting Rope	Martin/Archambault/Rand
Leah's Pony	Elizabeth Friedrich/Michael Garland
Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert Kraus/Jose Aruego
Letters From Felix	Annette Langen/Constanza Droop
Library Lion	Michelle Knudsen
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes
Little Cliff's First Day of School	Clifton L Taulbert/Lewis
Little Red Riding Hood - A New Fangled Tale	Lisa Campbell Ernst
Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come	Nancy Carlson
Mailing May	Michael O. Tunnell/Ted Rand
Max	Bob Graham
Mice and Beans	Pam Munoz Ryan/Joe Cepeda

Miss Opal's Auction	Susan Vizurrage/Mark Graham
Mitten, The	Jan Brett
Mooncake	Frank Asch
Mr. Tanen's Ties	Maryann Coca-Leffler
Mrs. Cole on an Onion Roll	Kalli Dakos/JoAnn Adinolfi
My Brother is from Outer Space	Vivian Ostrow/Eric Brace
My First Little House Picture Books	Laura Ingalls Wilder
My Friend Rabbit	Eric Rohmann
Nanny Goat and the Seven Little Kids	Eric Kimmel/Janet Stevens
No Jumping on the Bed	Tedd Arnold
Nobody Asked ME if I Wanted a Baby Sister	Martha Alexander
Olivia	Ian Falconer
On Mother's Lap	Ann Herbert Scott
Only One Woof	James Herriot
Over the River and Through the Woods	John Steven Gurney, Illustrator
Owen	Kevin Henkes
Owl Moon	Jane Yolen
Pain and the Great One, The	Judy Blume/Irene Trivas
Patchwork Quilt, The	Valerie Flourney/Jerry Pinkney
Patrick's Dinosaurs on the Internet	Carol Carrick/David Milgrim
Peg and the Whale	Kenneth Oppel/Terry Widener
Pigsty	Mark Teague
Players in Pigtails	Shana Corey/Rebecca Gibbon
Pledge of Allegiance, The	Scholastic/ No Author Given
Popcorn Book, The	Tomie dePaola
Principal's New Clothes	Stephanie Calmenson
Q is for Duck	Mary Elting /Michasl Folsom
Quarreling Book, The	Charlotte Zolotow?Arnold Lobel
Quilt-Block History of Pioneer Days, The	Mary Cobb
Rainbow Fish, The	Marcus Pfister
Real Hole, The	Beverly Cleary
Real Tooth Fairy	Marilyn Kaye
Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink	Diane deGroat
Ruby the Copycat	Peggy Rathmann
Samuel Eaton's Day	Kate Waters/Russ Kendall
Santa's Book of Names	David McPhail
Santa's Secrets Revealed	James Solheim/Barry Gott
Sheila Rae, the Brave	Kevin Henkes
Signmaker's Assistant	Tedd Arnold
Snow	Uri Shulevitz
Snowballs	Lois Ehlert
Snowflake Bentley	Jacqueline Briggs Martin/Mary Azarian
Someday	Charlotte Zolotow/Arnold Lobel
Sometimes I'm Bombaloo	Rachel Vail
Stellanluna	Janell Cannon
Story of Ruby Bridges, The	Robert Coles/George Ford
Strange and Wonderful Tale of Robert McDoodle	Steven Bauer/Brad Sneed
Strega Nona	Tomie dePaola

Supergrandpa	David M. Schwartz/Bert Dodson
Terrible Thing That Happened at our House	Marge Blaine/John C. Wallner
Testing Miss Malarkey	Judy Finchler/Kevin O'Malley
Thanksgiving at the Tappleton's	Eileen Spinelli/Megan Lloyd
Thanksgiving Wish	Michael J. Rosen/John Thompson
The Black Snowman	Phil Mendez/Carole Byard
The Fungus That Ate My School	Arthur Dorros/David Catrow
The Jolly Postman	Janet and Allan Ahlberg
The Magic Nesting Doll	Jacqueline Ogburn/Laurel Long
This Train	Paul Collicutt
Thomas' Snowsuit	Robert Munsch
Three Little Wolves & the Big Bad Pig	Eugene Trivizas/Helen Oxenbury
Tiger Trail	Kay Winters/Laura Regan
Tomie dePaola's Favorite Nursery Tales	Tomie dePaola
Toot and Puddle A Present for Toot	Holly Hobbie
Toot and Puddle	Holly Hobbie
Tops and Bottoms	Janet Stevens
Town Mouse & the Country Mouse	Janet Stevens
True Story of the Three Little Pigs, The	Jon Scieszka
'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving	Dave Pilkey
Uptown	Bryan Collier
War Between the Vowels and the Consonants	Priscilla Turner/Whitney Turner
Web Files, The	Margi Palatini/Richard Egielski
What did You Do Today? The 1 st Day of School	Toby Forward
What Do Authors Do?	Eileen Christelow
What Do Illustrators Do?	Eileen Christelow
When Will I Read?	Miriam Cohen/Lillian Hoban
White Dynamite and Curly Kid	Bill Martin Jr.
Wild Child	LynnPlourde/Greg Couch
Wild Christmas Reineer, The	Jan Brett
Will I Have a Friend?	Miriam Cohen/Lillian Hoban
Wolf!	Becky Bloom/Pascal Biet
You Are Special	Max Lucado