

## Teaching Concepts About Print Through Read Alouds, Shared Readings, and Guided Reading Groups

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Figure 2.1
Links in Reading


## Children imitate what they see and hear!


"Reading aloud is the single most important factor to help children become proficient, avid readers." - Lucy Calkins

## Reading Aloud...

- Teaches children that books are for reading, not for manipulating.
- Provides children with the meaning of words that may not be a part of their everyday speech.
- Allows children to observe and practice the comprehension strategies of expert readers.
- Fosters the ability to listen.
- Helps children become aware of story elements.


## Choosing a Text

- How do you decide what book to read?
- Theme?
- Phonemic Awareness or Phonics Skill?
- Comprehension Strategy?
- Core Reading Series?
- Just for fun?



## I Spy Books...

A Child must:

- Focus on the page
- Recall information
- Compare and contrast images from memory



## Websites for Children

Dr Seuss Books - http://www.gamequarium.org/dir/SqoolTube Videos/Book Related/Dr Seuss/

Magic School Bus - http://www.scholastic.com/magicschoolbus/

Bookpals - http://www.storylineonline.net/

Starfall - http://www.starfall.com/

Tumblebooks - http://www.dewittlibrary.org/

Bookflix - http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php

Epic - https://www.getepic.com/app/

## Thinking Aloud...

What adults can model:

- Clarifying information
- Asking questions
- Drawing attention to illustrations
- Extend student responses
- Discuss vocabulary
- Point out text features



## Interactive Read-Alouds

Encourage children to interact verbally with the text, peers, and the adult during the book reading

- Identify places where children's' predictions about the developing story should be shared.
- Be flexible! Modify your questions and comments to the conversations that develops


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## Shared peading

- Children are seen as readers as they participate in or opt out of the reading.
- Children should be able to see the text (sitting side by side, using big books, or text projected on screen, etc.)
- Students observe an expert reading with fluency and with expression.
- Helps to develop concepts about print.
- Assists in making connections between background knowledge and new information.
- Introduces and teaches new vocabulary.
- Helps students develop a sense of story and increases comprehension.
- Increase familiarity through subsequent readings and students will soon read along confidently and successfully.



## Concepts About Print Assessment

- Identify the front cover of the book.
- Identify the back cover of the book.
- Show or point to the title of the book.
- Show where to begin reading.
- Use her finger to show which way to go as the teacher reads the page.
- Show the teacher where to begin the next sentence.
- Point to each word as it is read (also known as one-to-one word correspondence).
- Point to the first and last words on the page.
- Frame one word (then two words) between her index fingers.
- Point to the first and last letters in a word.
- Frame first one letter and then two letters in a word.
- Name a few letters on the page that she recognizes.
- Identify a capital (big) and lowercase (little) letter on the page.
- Give the name or function of a period, question mark,exclamation point, quotation marks and comma.

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## Guided Reading

- Students are reading texts at their appropriate reading level.
- Teachers must know what understandings and behaviors each child in the group will bring to the reading as well as what supports and challenges the the book may offer.
- The teachers will guide the students as they read the text at their own pace.
- Text leveling is determined by running records.
- Skilled readers will attack unknown words by:
- using the context of the story (looking at the pictures) - What makes sense?
- looking at the beginning sounds / chunks / endings - What looks right?
- checking to see if the words is structurally correct - What sounds right?

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## Prompts to Support Reading

"Try that again."
"Does that make sense?"
"Does it look right?"
"Does that sound right?"
"What would you expect to see at the beginning? At the end?"
"Something wasn't quite right."
"Put your words together to make it sound like you're talking."
"How do you know?"


## Stages of Reading Development

Exhibit 3. Stages of Reading Development

| Stage | Name | The Leamer |
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| Stage 0: <br> Birth to Grade 1 | Emergent Literacy | Gains control of oral language; relies heavily on <br> pictures in text; pretends to read; recognizes rhyme |
| Stage 1: <br> Beginning Grade 1 | Decoding <br> Grows aware of sound/symbol relationships; focuses <br> ises decoding to figure out words |  |
| Stage 2: <br> End of Grade 1 to End of Grade 3 | Confirmation and Fluency | Develops fluency in reading; recognizes patterns in <br> words; checks for meaning and sense; knows a stock <br> of sight words |
| Stage 3: <br> Grade 4 to Grade 8 | Learning the New (Single <br> Viewpoint) | Uses reading as a tool for learning; applies reading <br> strategies; expands reading vocabulary; comprehends <br> from a singular point of view |
| Stage 4: <br> Secondary and Early Higher <br> Education | Multiple Viewpoints | Analyzes what is read; reacts critically to texts; deals <br> with layers of facts and concepts; comprehends from <br> multiple points of view |
| Stage 5: <br> Late Higher Education and <br> Graduate School | A Worldview | Develops a well-rounded view of the world through <br> reading |

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## 8 Key Comprehension Strategies

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|  | Synthesize Bring ideas together to make a idea. |  |  |

## Resources

Reading To, With and By - by Mooney
The Read Aloud Handbook - Trelease
Matching Books to Readers - Fountas and Pinnell
Guided Reading - Fountas and Pinnell
The Next Step in Guided Reading - Richardson


## Questions or Thoughts?


[^0]:    Source: Roskos et al., 2009.

