



Family Reading Connections

Kindergarten Unit 1: We Are Readers



Overview:

Welcome to Kindergarten Reading Workshop! Unit 1, *We Are Readers*, introduces students to the wonderful world of reading and will generate excitement about reading! Students will be exposed to many different types of texts (informative, storybooks, poems, songs, and narrative texts). Students will see that literature is all around them and will learn that there are many purposes for reading! Students will learn concepts about print, story language, and story structure which will help them to "read" familiar texts. Students will "read" by retelling and studying pictures to help them construct stories verbally. By the end of this unit, students will be able to declare with excitement, "We are readers!"

In this unit, Students will:

- **Follow** a read aloud or shared story
- **Recognize** parts of a book
- **Conduct** a picture walk of a book and "read" the story through pictures/words
- **Participate** in shared reading experiences
- **Identify** basic features of print
- **Participate** in conversations about books
- **Demonstrate** the habits of a good reader
- **Discover** different genres of texts
- **Role-play** in the retelling of familiar stories
- **Dramatize and display** character traits while retelling familiar texts
- **Collaborate** with a partner by buddy reading
- **Develop** a love of reading

Ways to help at home:

- Read with or to your child every night!
- Allow your child to "read to you." Your child will use what they remember and the pictures to read words to you. (They will probably not look very much at the actual words in the book, however they will use the pictures to retell the important story elements to you.) This is reading!
- Help your child create a book basket in which they can practice caring for their books.
- Visit your local library.
- Find a favorite reading spot in the house.
- Point out different examples of words to your child (street signs, grocery item labels, store names, newspapers, etc...)
- Demonstrate your excitement about reading to your child!

Suggested Read-Aloud Texts:

- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- *Birds and Their Nests* by Linda Tagliaferro
- *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
- *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems

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Standards (NJSL): Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.





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