

Curriculum Mapping Project

Kindergarten Language Arts

Teaching Strategies

- Think Alouds are used to help students check for comprehension while students are doing independent reading. This is usually paired with the supplied “retelling cards.”
- Guided Reading is done to help support developing readers. This is done either one on one, or more commonly, in a small group with the teacher providing support for a student’s specific needs.
- Small Groups are utilized to help students get individualized instruction.
- Repeating is used for teaching sounds. Students repeat the sound that a teacher makes.

Special Needs Considerations:

Students with special needs are helped commensurate with their needs based on their IEP or 504 plans.

Disabled

Students who are disabled will receive support from the Special Education Department if necessary. The curriculum used identifies students who require additional support, and utilizes small group instruction as an intervention.

ELL

The curriculum has modifications for English language learners.

HAL

The curriculum has alternative assignments that can be utilized for high ability students.

Current Materials Evaluation:

The Kindergarten Language Arts curriculum is part of the 2014 Reading Wonders series. This curriculum is utilized by our district for K-6. This curriculum uses many proprietary items such as

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leveled readers, anthologies, and retelling cards. Our district also partnered with other districts to create Google Slides to teach vocabulary and phonics. Overall, the curriculum itself seems to be pretty solid. The teachers use progress monitoring to assign students to small groups in order for them to get the instruction that best suits them. I was; however, able to identify a gap in the provided materials. Like many curriculums, Reading Wonders has a base curriculum and then requires the purchase of add ons to fully implement the curriculum. In speaking to our teachers, we purchased just enough to use the curriculum effectively, but did not purchase the “Literature Big Books” that are used to introduce lessons. I asked the teachers if they thought these books would be helpful, and almost all of them said they would be since otherwise they have to find alternatives.

Library Resources

Upon searching the library for the thirty recommended books, I found that we had ten of the ones listed; of those, three were in poor shape, and we had none that would help with the ELL lessons. I decided to search for either these books, or books that would make for an acceptable alternative. The only issue was that each class should have a copy of the book, so I chose to look for ebook versions, if available, so teachers could cast the book to their projectors.

Recommendations List

Title	Author	Publisher	Date	Price	Vendor	ISBN
All Kinds of Families!	Hoberman, Mary Ann	Little, Brown and Company	2009	\$18.04	Mackin	9780316146333
Bear Snores On	Wilson, Karma	Margaret K McElderry Books	2002	\$18.99	Mackin	9780689831874
The Birthday Pet	Javernick, Ellen	Amazon Children's Publishing	2012	\$9.99	Mackin	9780761462385
Blue on Blue	White, Dianne	Beach Lane Books	2014	\$18.04	Mackin	9781442412675

Title	Author	Publisher	Date	Price	Vendor	ISBN
Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat	Levenson, George	Tricycle Press	2008	\$7.43	Mackin	9781582462738
Clang! Clang! Beep! Beep! : Listen to the City	Burleigh, Robert	Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman	2009	\$19.99	Mackin	9781416940524
Como Van a la Escuela Los Dinosaurios?	Yolen, Jane	Scholastic en Espanol	2008	\$14.99	Mackin	9780545002295
For Sure! For Sure!	Andersen, Hans Christian	August House	2004	\$16.44	Mackin	9780874837421
A Grand Old Tree	Depalma, Mary Newell	Arthur A Levine Books	2005	\$18.99	Mackin	9780439623346
The Handiest Things in the World	Clements, Andrew	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2010	\$18.04	Mackin	9781416961666
I Love Bugs!	Sturges, Philemon	Harper Collins Publishers	2010	\$17.09	Mackin	9780060561680
Mama, is it Summer Yet?	McClure, Nikki	Abrams eBooks	2018	\$8.34	Mackin	9781613123546
My Garden	Henkes, Kevin	Harper Collins Publishers	2010	\$17.09	Mackin	9780061715174
An Orange in January	Aston, Dianna Hutts	Dial Books	2007	\$17.99	Mackin	9780803731462
Panda Kindergarten	Ryder, Joanne	Harper Collins Publishers	2007	\$15.23	Mackin	9780060578527
Peter's Chair	Keats, Ezra Jack	Puffin Books	1998	\$15.23	Mackin	9780140564419
Please Take Me For a Walk	Gal, Susan	Knopf Books for Young Readers	2012	\$19.44	Mackin	9780375985560
Pouch!	Stein, David Ezra	Nancy Paulsen Books	2012	\$18.42	Mackin	9781101655573
Rain	Stojic, Many	Dragonfly Books	2009	\$15.23	Mackin	9780385737296

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Title	Author	Publisher	Date	Price	Vendor	ISBN
Roadwork	Sutton, Sally	Candlewick Press	2017	\$15.23	Mackin	9780763698706
Senses at the Seashore	Rotner, Shelley	Millbrook Press Lerner eBooks	2006	\$37.10	Mackin	9780822565239
What About Bear?	Bloom, Suzanne	Boyds Mills Press	2012	\$15.23	Mackin	9781590789131
What Can You Do With a Paleta? = Que Puede Hacer Con Una Pal	Tafolla, Carmen	Tricycle Press	2009	\$17.45	Mackin	9781582462899
When Daddy's Truck Picks Me Up	Hunter, Jana Novotny	Av2 By Weigl	2015	\$32.57	Mackin	9781489628343
Whose Shoes? A Shoe For Every Job	Swinburne, Stephen R	Boyds Mills Press	2011	\$8.32	Mackin	9781590788790

Replacements
eBooks