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COMMON CORE Reading

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT LISTS FOR
Comprehension
Skills, Strategies,
Standards and
Grade Level
Complexity



aligned to my Hello Common
Core Reading Set

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING HOW TO
**Ask & Answer
Questions**

Fly Away Home
A Angel for Solomon Singer
The Stranger
Baseball Saved Us
The Wednesday Surprise
Storm Boy
Charlie Anderson
Amos and Boris
Beatrice Doesn't Want To
The Sick Day
Elmer
Elbert's Bad Word
The Van Gogh Cafe
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth
The Potato Man
Why is The Sky Blue?
Weslandia

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR Predicting

Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad

Hedgie's Surprise

Aunt Isabel Makes Trouble

Cinder Edna

Class Clown

Good Night Moon

No Roses for Harry

The Island of Skog

George and Martha

Grandfather Twilight

The Sign Painter

January's Sparrow

Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, Very...

City Green

Duck for President

Fly Away Home

Zeke Peppin

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR Inferring

Tar Beach

Possum Magic

Purple, Green and Yello

The Tale of mandarin Ducks

Babushka's Doll

The Sweetest fig

Two Bad ants

Tuesday

How Many Days to America?

Creatures of the Earth, Sea and Sky

George and Martha

Grandfather Twilight

The Sign Painter

White Dynamite and Curly Kidd

Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, Very...

City Green

Duck for President

fly away Home

Suggested MENTOR texts with a Moral, Lesson, Message

Mr. Peabody's Apples
How to Lose all Your friends
if Everybody Did
Wolf!

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
The Story of Ferdinand
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Squids Will Be Squids
Three Hens and a Peacock
Leo the Late Bloomer

William's Doll
Miss Rumphius

The Ants and the Grasshopper (fable)
Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs

Horton Hatches the Egg

Whoever You Are
Earrings

Tops and Bottoms
The Pig's Picnic

Suggested MENTOR texts for teaching Beginning, Middle, End

Toot & Puddle

Corduroy

The Cat in the Hat

Hedgie's Surprise

The Paperbag Princess

A House for a Hermit Crab

Mr. Magee and the Camping Spree

Chrysanthemum

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

Chester's Way

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

and the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon

The Princess and the Pizza

Thunder Cake

The Rainbow fish

Franklin's Class Trip

Miss Nelson is Back

Stone Soup

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS WITH MULTIPLE Settings

Where are you going, Manyoni?

if you give a mouse a Cookie

The Lorax

The Bee Tree

Ace Laceywing: Bug Detective

The Web files

Ladybug Girl & the Bug Squad

Make Way for Ducklings

Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe

Aurora Means Dawn

Someplace Else

The Polar Express

I Love you, forever

Curious George Takes a Job

Dogteam

Roxaboxen

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING Sequencing

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

a House for a Hermit Crab

Benny's Pennies

Ten Minutes to Bedtime

The Very Busy Spider

Amazing Grace

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Who Took the farmer's Hat?

Caps for sale

a Chair for my Mother

Chester's Way

Pancakes for Breakfast

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Henry & Mudge

Pssst!

The Mitten

Knuffle Bunny: a Cautionary Tale

Strega Nona

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING HOW Characters Change

Jamaica's find
Sylvester & the Magic Pebble
The Recess Queen
The Wednesday Surprise
The Bee Tree
Chrysanthemum
Knots on a Counting Rope
Not Norman
My Name is Maria Isabel
Edward the Emu
a Bad Case of Stripes
Horace & Morris, but Mostly Dolores
Don't Need friends
Julius, Baby of the World
The Table Where Rich People Sit
One Green Apple
Grandma's Beach
The Paperbag Princess
Beatrice Doesn't Want to

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS: CHARACTER ACTIONS

Cause & Effect

Abiyoyo

Chicken Little

Cloudy With a Change of Meatballs

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Henny Penny

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Comet's Nine Lives

Where the Wild Things Are

Pigsty

The Rain Came Down

When the Leaf Blew In

The Flea's Sneeze

Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears

The Napping House

The Grumpy Morning

The Stray Dog

Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible...

Because a Little Bug Went Ka-Choo!

Suggested MENTOR texts: BOOKS that EVOKE
Feelings & Senses

Night Sounds, Morning Colors

Like Butter on Pancakes

Puddles

The Listening Walk

The Salamander Room

City Sounds

Hello Ocean

Hailstones and Halibut Bones

The Ghost-Eye Tree

Piggie Pie

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon

The Sailor Dog

Tangerine

Knots on a Counting Rope

Old Black Fly

Abuela

Twilight Comes Twice

Alejandro's Gift

Fireflies

Suggested MENTOR texts for teaching Figurative Language

Similies/Metaphors:

Brave as a Mountain Lion
Grandma Essie's Covered Wagon
Knots on a Counting Rope
Owl Moon
Armadillo Ray
Quick as a Cricket
Song and Dance Man

Personification:

The Lorax
The Great Kapok Tree
The Giving Tree
Office Buckle and Gloria

alliteration:

Dinorella
Double Trouble in Walla Walla
Some Smug Slug

WORDLESS BOOKS FOR TEACHING POWER OF Illustrations

Tuesday

Goodnight Gorilla

Good Dog, Carl

Sector 7

The Three Pigs

My friend Rabbit

Picnic

Flotsam

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Frog Goes to Dinner

You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum

Pancakes for Breakfast

The Snowy Day

Time Flies

Hurricane

Freefall

The Snowman

Have you Seen My Duckling?

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING Point of View

I Wanna Iguana

Freedom Summer

Mr. Peabody's Apples

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

The Table Where Rich People Sit

Pop's Bridge

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

The Little House

My Rotten Red-Headed Older Stepbrother

The Boss Baby

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

The Great Kapok Tree

The Pain the Great One

Through Grandpa's Eyes

Tight Times

Diary of a Spider

When I Was Young in the Mountains

Voices in the Park

Dear Mrs. LaRue

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING Compare & Contrast

Fiction & Fiction

Cindy Moo & Mrs. Mooley

Olivia & Eloise

Up the Learning Tree & The Royal Bee

the Dot & No Good in Art

Just Plain Fancy & Appelman's Dream

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers &

Mirette on the High Wire

When Lightning Comes in a Jar & The Relatives Came

The Other Side & Freedom on the Menu

The Lorax & The Great Kapok Tree

The Hat & The Mitten

The Legend of Bluebonnet &

The Legend of Indian Paintbrush

That's Good! That's Bad &

Fortunately, Unfortunately

The Principal's Night Before Christmas &

The Teacher's Night Before Christmas

Brown Bear, Brown Bear & Polar Bear, Polar Bear

Old & New Versions of Fairytales

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING Compare & Contrast

within one fiction book

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude
Through Grandpa's Eyes
Annie & The Old One
City Mouse & Country Mouse
City Dog, Country Frog
The Pain and the Great One
Black and White
Fortunately, Unfortunately
That's Good! That's Bad!
Stellaluna
My Great Aunt Arizona
The Royal Bee
The Recess Queen
The Other Way to Listen
Angel Child, Dragon Child
Beatrice Doesn't Want To
Twilight Comes Twice

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS FOR TEACHING Compare & Contrast

Fiction & Non-Fiction (related topics)

Michael Recycle &
Where Does the Garbage Go?
Mrs. Smith Under the Sea &
Weird Sea Creatures
Nugget and Fang & Animal BFF's
Ace Lacewing: Bug Detective
& Everyday Insects
Skippyjon Jones Cirque de Ole &
The True Story of Dogs STAY
That's Good! That's Bad &
Fortunately, Unfortunately
It's Back to School We Go &
First Day Jitters
My Mouth is a Volcano &
Dude, That's Rude!
Hush Little Polar Bear &
Face to Face with Polar Bears

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS: NEW VERSIONS OF Old Tales (Folktales)

Somebody and the Three Blairs

Rubio and the Three Osos

Goldie and the Three Bears

Tackylocks and the Three Bears

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs

The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza

The Little Red Pen

Kate and the Beanstalk

The Gingerbread Cowboy

The Gingerbread Girl

The Gingerbread Baby

The Three Little Javelinas

The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf

Lon Po Po

Little Red Cap

The Three Billy Goats fluff

The Race (The Tortoise & the Hare)

The Irish Cinderlad

Prince Cinders

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS IN THE KINDERGARTEN Lexile BAND BR-190L Text Complexity

David Gets in Trouble

i Like Bugs

Bears on Wheels

Pizza Party

Dear Zoo

inside, Outside, Upside Down

Biscuit's New Trick

Rat-a-tat-tat

Grow a Pumpkin Pie!

Great Day for Up!

a Bad, Bad Day

David Goes to School

Minerva Louise

Max's Birthday

Manners

Weblink: "[What Does a Close Reading Look Like in Kindergarten?](#)"

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS IN THE 1ST ^{RL.10}
Grade Lexile Band 190L-420L
Text Complexity

Aaron's Hair

Biscuit

Biscuit's Picnic

The Baby Beebee Bird

Morris Goes to School

If You Take a Mouse to School

Tough Boris

Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat

The Bremen Town Musicians

Recess Mess

Franklin Says Sorry

The Gruffalo

My Truck is Stuck

Merry Christmas, Big Hungry Bear!

Danny and the Dinosaur

Ten Flashing Fireflies

Weblink: ["What Does a Close Reading Look Like in First Grade?"](#)

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXTS IN THE 2ND ^{RL.10}
GRADE STRETCH BAND 420L-650L
Text Complexity

fancy Nancy

franklin Goes to School

Runaway Pancake

angel Child, Dragon Child

The Good-bye Book

fly Guy vs. The flyswatter

The Boy in the Drawer

a Tree is Nice

How Much is that Guinea Pig in the Window?

How Do Dinosaurs Learn Their Colors?

Hurricane!

Spaghetti and Meatballs for all

Martha Speaks

Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip

Harry by the Sea

Under the Lemon Moon

Weblink: ["What Does a Close Reading Look Like in Second Grade?"](#)

These mentor text lists were created and included in my Hello Literacy Common Core Reading package for all Reading Literature standards 1-10 for grades K-2.

There are over 200 reading response sheets, graphic organizers and reading activities addressing RL. 1, RL. 2, RL. 3, RL.4, RL. 5, RL.6, RL.7, RL.9 and RL.10...enough to last all year!

You can check them out by clicking on the images below! Thank You! -Jen Jones

