

Characteristics of Emergent Readers



- understand that print contains a consistent message
- recognize some high-frequency words, names, and simple words in context
- use pictures to *predict* meaning
- attend to left-to-right, top-to-bottom directionality and features of print, e.g., lines of text, words, and letters
- identify some initial and ending sounds in words
- can be prompted to check for accuracy and sense
- use prior knowledge and their own experiences to make meaning
- use repetitive story patterns and language to help with fluency and to support their efforts to attend to unknown words

Some Books and Strategies for Emergent Readers

Strategies to Demonstrate:

- tracking print
- noting patterns in text
- using pictures to predict the story and words
- attending to graphophonic cues (especially the beginning and ending letters)
- looking through the word to the end

Text and Book Features That Support Readers and My Demonstration:

- consistent placement of text
- font and spacing between words and lines that help children focus on the print
- pictures that closely match the text
- book language that matches children's spoken language
- predictable text and language structures

Some Books I Use for Guided Reading:

There's a Mouse in the House, by A. Trussell-Cullen
(Mondo)

Group)

Is This a Monster? by S. Lovell (Mondo)

Cool Off, by N. Diaz (Mondo)

At the Zoo, by P. and S. Sloan (Sundance)

I See, by C. A. Olsen (Mondo)

Honk, by Sue Smith (Mondo)

(Sundance)

Buzz Said the Bee, by W. C. Lewison (Scholastic)

A Week with Aunt Bea, by J. Nayer (Mondo)

My New Boy, by J. Phillips (Random House)

I Eat Leaves, by J. Vandine (Mondo)

(Mondo)

The Three Goats, by I. Douglas (Storyteller)

Winter, by R. Weber (Storyteller)

There's No One Like Me, by R. Gunther (Wright

How Many Pets? by C. Montgomery (Mondo)

Who Lives in the Sea? by S. M. James (Mondo)

Chickens, by D. Snowball (Mondo)

Who Can? By E. Montgomery (Mondo)

What Animals Eat, by P. and S. Sloan

Lili's Breakfast, by H. Upson (Storyteller)

Tarantulas Are Spiders, by N. Platnick (Mondo)

Clever Little Bird, by I. Douglas (Storyteller)

What Comes First? By L. Swanson-Natsues

Animal Habitats, by P. and S. Sloan (Sundance)