

Children's Literature

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Free Choice Poetry

Brod Bagert, author and poet, Metairie, LA

Free choice poetry is a high-energy, interactive, and totally revolutionary way of creating a poetry experience in your classroom — an experience based on the oral performance of language that will supercharge the effectiveness of the traditional language arts program — bridging the gap between oral and written language.

Using Mentor Texts in the Primary Classroom

Carole Holden, literacy specialist, Council Rock Schools, Newtown, PA

Explore how mentor texts are utilized to model critical thinking and foster insightful writing in the classroom. Invite expert writers into your classroom so students have powerful literary examples to explore and imitate.

Children's Literature and Inquiry Learning

Gregory Imbur, assistant professor, Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Learn how to launch inquiry learning using children's literature to link science, math, and social studies to your literacy instruction. Explore examples using materials from lessons and topics across elementary grades.

Wonderful Words: New Books for 3–6 Classrooms

Barbara Kiefer, Charlotte Huck professor of children's literature, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Discover recently published books of all genres for middle-grade readers. Book titles are identified for curriculum connections, for reading aloud, and those that are purely for pleasure.

100 Best Picture books of the Decade!

Dan McKey, principal, East Holmes Local Schools, Berlin, OH

Explore the best picture books published this past decade and learn a variety of ways to use them with students of any age.

Wonderful Words: New Books for Primary Grades

Patricia Scharer, professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

New books from 2009 for K–2 readers are shared through scans of book covers and illustrations. A bibliography is provided.

Teaching Reading and Writing With Nonfiction

Fran Wilson, 2nd-grade teacher, Madeira City Schools, Madeira, OH

Learn criteria for identifying quality nonfiction books. Orbis Pictus Award books and recently published nonfiction books are shared, along with ideas for reading and writing instruction in the classroom.