Suggested mentor text lists for Comprehension Skills, Strategies, Standards and Grade Level Complexity

aligned to my Hello Common Core Reading Set

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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 Lacewing: 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

Similes/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
June 29, 1999
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 Fance & Appelmando’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 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade Stretch \textit{Band 420L-650L}

\textbf{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: “\textit{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