

Making Meaning

2nd Grade

Read-Alouds

Week	Title	Synopsis
1	<i>McDuff Moves In</i> by Rosemary Wells, 1997	A little white dog finds a home and a name.
	“The Library” in <i>Poppleton</i> by Cynthia Rylant, 1997	Poppleton never misses his weekly trip to the library.
2	<i>Sheila Rae, the Brave</i> by Kevin Henkes, 1987	Sheila Rae isn’t afraid of anything until one day she gets lost. Her sister Louise comes to her rescue.
3	<i>Ibis: A True Whale Story</i> by John Himmeleman, 1990	A story based on real events describes how a curious calf whale gets tangled in a fishing net and is saved by caring people.
4	<i>A Chair for My Mother</i> by Vera B. Williams, 1982	A girl, her mother, and her grandmother save all their coins to buy an armchair after their furniture is lost in a fire.
6	<i>Jamaica Tag-Along</i> by Juanita Havill, 1989	When Jamaica’s brother refuses to let her play basketball with him, she goes off on her own and makes a new friend.
7	<i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i> by Judith Viorst, 1987	One bad thing after another happens to Alexander.
9	<i>A Tree is Nice</i> by Janice may Udry, 1984	This book encourages readers to think about the many ways to enjoy and appreciate trees.
	<i>Fathers, Mothers, Sister, Brothers: A Collection of Family Poems</i> by Mary Ann Hoberman, 1991	A collection of poems that celebrates every kind of family member.
10	“Dry Skin,” in <i>Poppleton and Friends</i> by Cynthia Rylant, 1998	Poppleton has dry skin and his friend Cherry Sue tries to help him get rid of it.
	“The Kite,” in <i>Days with Frog and Toad</i> by Arnold Lobel, 1984	Frog and Toad like to spend their days together. On one of those days, they try to fly a kite.
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12	<i>The Paperboy</i> by Dav Pilkey, 1997	A paperboy and his dog enjoy the quiet of the early mornings as they deliver their newspapers.
14	<i>What Mary Jo Shared</i> by Janice May Udry, 1991	Mary Jo uses an original idea to solve the problem of what to share with her class.
15	<i>Erandi’s Braids</i> by Antonio Hernandez Madrigal, 2001	Erandi hopes for a new dress for her birthday. But when her mother finds holes in the fishing net, Erandi wonders how they will get the money for the things they need.
16	<i>Chester’s Way</i> by Kevin Henkes, 1988	Chester and Wilson are best friends and they share the same way of doing things, until one day Lilly moves into the neighborhood.

17	<i>The Greatest Treasure</i> by Demi, 1999	Wealthy Pang and poor Li seem very different until they help each other discover the greatest treasure.
19	<i>The Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau</i> by Jon Agree, 1988 <i>The Ghost-Eye Tree</i> by Bill Martin Jr., 1988	Unusual paintings make a painter famous. A brother and sister are fearful of a tree they pass on their way to get a pail of milk on a dark, windy night.
20	<i>Galimoto</i> by Karen Lynn Williams, 1991	A boy searches for wires to make a toy car, called a galimoto.
21	<i>The Paper Crane</i> by Molly Bang, 1985	A popular roadside restaurant loses its customers when a highway is built to replace the old road. When a stranger gives the restaurant owner a special gift in exchange for his kindness, his fortune is changed.
23	<i>Beatrix Potter</i> by Alexandra Wallner, 1995 <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> by Beatrix Potter, 1987	This book describes the life of Beatrix Potter and how the tale of Peter Rabbit became a story that children still enjoy today. This classic tale describes Peter Rabbit's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden.
24	<i>The Art Lesson</i> by Tomie dePaola, 1999	This autobiographical tale recounts Tomie dePaola's early love of drawing.
25	<i>It Could Still Be a Worm</i> by Allan Fowler, 1996 <i>Plants that Eat Animals</i> by Allan Fowler, 2001	This book is a simple introduction to the earthworm, roundworm, flatworm, and other kinds of worms. A variety of carnivorous plants, including the Venus's-flytrap, sundew, pitcher plant, and bladderwort are described.
26	<i>Fishes (A True Book)</i> by Melissa Stewart, 2001	This book describes the behavior, physical traits, and life cycles of fish.
27	<i>POP! A Book About Bubbles</i> by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, 2001	The book explains how bubbles are made, why they are always round, and why they pop.
29	"Wild Rides" By Lev Grossman from <i>TIME For Kids</i> , May 10, 2002 "Summer of the Shark" from <i>TIME For Kids</i> , September 14, 2001 "A Nose for the Arts" from <i>TIME For Kids</i> , December 14, 2001	
30	<i>Me First</i> by Helen Lester, 1992	Pinkerton the pig always manages to be first until he rushes for a sandwich and gets a surprise.
31	<i>Big Al</i> By Andrew Clements, 1997	A big, ugly fish has trouble making friends because of his appearance, until the day his scary appearance saves them all from a fish net.

33	<i>Little Blue and Little Yellow</i> by Leo Lionni, 1959	This is the story of a blue dot and yellow dot that are best friends, and what happens to them when they hug each other.
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