

## Making Meaning 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Read-Alouds

Week	Title	Synopsis
1	<p><i>A Bad Case of Stripes</i> by David Shannon, 1998</p> <p><i>The Old Woman Who Named Things</i> by Cynthia Rylant, 2000</p>	<p>Camilla Cream learns that being true to herself is the remedy for her “bas case of stripes.”</p> <p>An old woman who has outlived all her friends becomes attached to the stray dog that visits her each day.</p>
2	<p><i>Song and Dance Man</i> by Karen Ackerman, 1988</p>	<p>Grandpa gives his grandchildren a glimpse of his life as a song-and-dance man on the vaudeville stage.</p>
3	<p><i>Babushka Baba Yaga</i> by Patricia Polacco, 1999</p>	<p>The villagers are afraid of the legendary Baba Yaga, so she disguises herself as an old woman to know the joys of being a grandmother.</p>
4	<p><i>Digging Up Tyrannosaurus Rex</i> by John R. Horner, 1992</p>	<p>The discovery and excavation of the first complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton are described in words and pictures.</p>
5	<p><i>Slinky, Scaly, Slithery Snakes</i> by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, 2000</p>	<p>Readers learn about many species of snakes and their survival techniques.</p>
7	<p><i>Animal Senses: How Animals See, Hear, Taste, Smell, and Feel</i> by Pamela Hickman, 1998</p>	<p>Readers learn fascinating facts about how various animals experience the world.</p>
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9	<p><i>Thunder Cake</i> by Patricia Polacco, 1992</p> <p><i>The Dragon Takes a Wife</i> by Walter Dean Myers, 2000</p>	<p>With help from her grandmother, a young girl overcomes her fear of thunderstorms.</p> <p>A dragon named Harry seeks help from a hip fairy to fight a knight in shining armor.</p>
10	<p><i>Chicken Sunday</i> by Patricia Polacco, 1998</p>	<p>Three children sell decorated eggs to buy their beloved Miss Eula an Easter bonnet.</p>
11	<p><i>Mirette on the High Wire</i> by Emily Arnold McCully, 1997</p>	<p>Mirette learns the art of tightrope walking from the legendary Monsieur Bellini and then helps her teacher overcome his fear.</p>
12	<p><i>The Bat Boy &amp; His Violin</i> by Gavin Curtis, 2001</p> <p><i>Teammates</i> by Peter Golenbock, 1990</p>	<p>Reginald loves to play the violin, but his father does not appreciate the boy’s musical talent – until Reginald becomes the batboy on his father’s baseball team.</p> <p>This is a story about Jackie Robinson, major league baseball’s first black player, and his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.</p>
13	<p><i>Basket Moon</i> by Mary Lyn Ray, 2000</p>	<p>A rural boy yearns to travel to town with his father, who sells baskets there. The boy gets his wish, but the cruel taunts of a man in town ruin the trip.</p>

14	<i>The Memory Coat</i> by Elvira Woodruff, 1999	Jewish cousins, Rachel and Grisha, immigrate to America from Russia. When Grisha fails the dreaded inspection at Ellis Island, quick-thinking Rachel saves the day.
16	<i>Hurricane</i> by David Wiesner, 1990	The morning after a hurricane, an uprooted tree becomes a magical place for two brothers.
17	<i>Sami and the Time of the Troubles</i> by Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gillimand, 1992	Sami and his family live in Beirut, where war and violence have become a terrible way of life. But they are determined to have a future amid the chaos.
18	<i>My Man Blue</i> by Nikki Grimes, 1999	In this collection of poems, a fatherless boy named Damon is befriended by Blue, a tough-looking man with a gentle side.
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21	<i>Amelia's Road</i> by Linda Jacobs Altman, 1995	Amelia Martinez, a child of migrant workers, fulfills her dream of finding a place to call her own.
22	<i>Peppe the Lamplighter</i> by Elisa Bartone, 1993	Peppe finds a job lighting street lamps in New York City to help support his large family.
23	<i>Coming to America</i> by Betsy Maestro, 1996	This is a history of immigration to the United States, from the first arrivals more than twenty thousand years ago to the present day.
24	<i>A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman</i> by David A. Adler, 1992	This biography of Harriet Tubman traces her life as a slave, escape from slavery, and exploits as a conductor on the Underground Railroad.
26	<i>Flight</i> by Robert Burleigh, 1997	Charles Lindbergh becomes the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
27	<i>A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart</i> by David A. Adler, 1998	This biography of Amelia Earhart focuses on her courage as a pioneering pilot and her impact on women's roles in the United States.
28	<i>In My Own Backyard</i> by David R. Wagner, 1993	A child looks out a bedroom window and imagines how the landscape has changed over the ages.
29	<i>Home Place</i> by Crescent Dragonwagon, 1993	During a walk in the woods, a girl and her parents discover the ruins of an old house and imagine who once lived there.
30	<i>A Picture Book of Rosa Parks</i> by David A. Adler, 1993	Rosa Park's refusal to give up her seat on a public bus sparks a protest that changes history.