

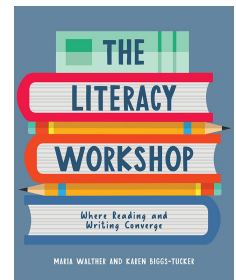
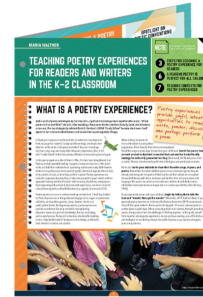
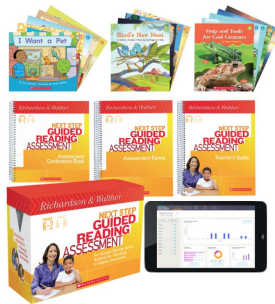
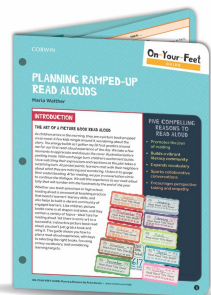
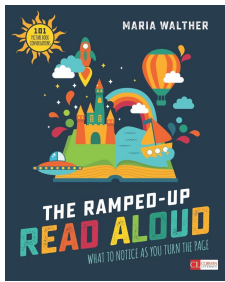
# Peace, Joy, and BOOKS: Cultivating Engaged and Motivated Readers

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## Tip 1: Place Books Up Front

- What is the first thing children see when they enter your classroom or teaching space? Consider rearranging some furniture so that **books** welcome them as they walk in the door!

### [A-Frame Bookshelf Plans](#)

- Display books outside of your door—rotate according to subject or season.
- Make posters of your favorite quotations from books.
- Create book bulletin boards:
  - *The Big Umbrella* (Bates & Bates, 2018)
  - *What to Do with a Box* (Yolen, 2016) or *What to Do with a String* (Yolen, 2019)
    - [The Box Challenge Family Engagement Activity](#)

## Tip 2: Begin or End with a Song!

### A Few of Kids' Favorite Song Picture Books

*Footloose* (Loggins, 2016)

*Groovy Joe Ice Cream and Dinosaurs* (Litwin, 2016)

*Octopus's Garden* (Starr, 2014)

*Sing* (Raposo & Lichtenheld, 2013)

*Take Me Home Country Road* (Denver, 2005)

*There Was an Old Monster* (Emberley, 2009)

### Song Picture Book Videos

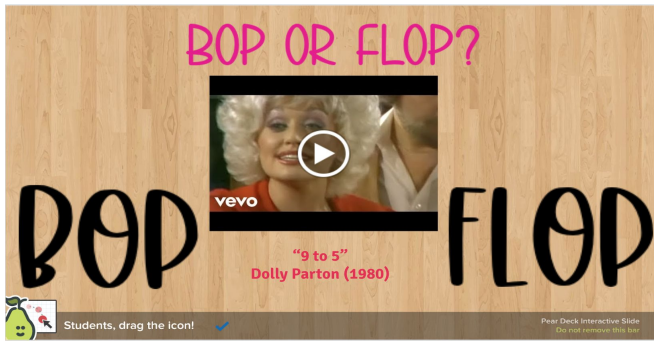
#### [Barefoot Books](#)

[Emily Arrow](#) (Writes and performs songs about popular picture books)

For research and ideas about using poetry and song see [Tim Rasinski's Website](#)

## Tip 2: Begin or End with a Song! (Continued)

Try “Bop or Flop?” Created by [Jessica Walsh](#)



## Tip 3: Promote Books

- **Share your reading life: Post, display, and chat about the books you are reading.**
- **Read aloud**
  - *Fred Gets Dressed* (Brown, 2021)
  - *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners* (Ho, 2021)
  - *Milo Imagines the World* (de la Pena, 2021)
  - *Outside, Inside* (Pham, 2021)
  - *Something's Wrong* (John, 2021)
  - *Watercress* (Wang, 2021)

### Underwear Text Set

- **Share Book Talks - #30SecondBookTalks**
  - *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* (Giles, 2019)
  - *Another* (Robinson, 2019)
  - Two Traveling Teachers on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsmZPpk8RWBtZ\\_47\\_XGd4wg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsmZPpk8RWBtZ_47_XGd4wg/videos)
- **#FirstChapterFridays**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recommendations from Michelle Knott via Mrs. Knott's Book Nook or @knott\_michelle

  - Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez
  - The Unicorn Rescue Society* by Adam Gidwitz
  - Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream: Power Forward* by Hena Khan
  - Marty McGuire* by Kate Messner
  - Like Bug Juice on a Burger* by Julie Sternberg
- **View Book Trailers**
  - Select book trailers created by publishers
  - Preview the trailer before showing it to students
  - Put trailer links in [SafeShare.TV](#) to avoid commercials
    - *I Really Like Slop* (Willems, 2015)
    - *The Day You Begin* (Woodson, 2018)
    - *Carmela Full of Wishes* (de la Peña, 2018)
    - *Meet Yasmin!* (Faruqi, 2018)
- **Promote Reading at Home**

## Tip 4: Know Your Readers

- Reading Interest Survey – Administer a reading interest survey. See *Scholastic’s Next Step Guided Reading Assessment* <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/next-step-guided-reading-assessment/>
- Check out Julie Wright’s Blog Posts: Building Relationships Re-Thinking Surveys [\[Part 1\]](#) and [\[Part 2\]](#)

## Tip 5: Know Your Books

- Book PD—Meet with your colleagues to read, review, and discuss picture books and novels.
- [Social Justice Books: A Teaching for Change Project](#)
- [We Need Diverse Books](#)
- Twitter @mariapwalther, @ClareLandrigan, @MrSchuReads, @Loveofxena (Margie Myers-Culver), @CarrieGelson, @JoEllenMcCarthy

## Tip 6: Match Readers with Books

- Shop for books with readers
- Confer

## Tip 7: Teach Readers About Series Books

### A Few of Kids’ Favorite Books in a Series

*Bruce’s Big Fun Day* (Higgins, 2019)

#### **BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOK SERIES**

*Mr. Monkey* (Mack)

*The Adventures of Otto* (Milgrim)

*Fox and Chick: The Quiet Boat Ride* (Ruzzier, 2019)

*Fox and Chick: The Party* (Ruzzier, 2018)

*Ty’s Travels* (Lyons)

#### **TRANSITIONAL CHAPTER BOOK SERIES**

*Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters* (Beatty)

*Narwhal & Jelly* (Clanton)

*Meet Yasmine* (Faruqi)

*Press Start* (Flintham)

*The Princess in Black* (Hale & Hale)

*Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol* (Miedoso)

*Mighty Robot* (Pilkey)

*Mia Mayhem* (West)

## Tip 8: Introduce a Variety of Genres and Multimodal Texts

- *Simon at the Art Museum* (Soontorvat, 2020) - Reading Images Find Kid-Friendly [Stefan Draschan](#) People Matching Artwork Photos - What’s the Connection?
- *13 Ways to Eat a Fly* (Heavenrich, 2021) - Nonfiction
- *My Thoughts Are Clouds: Poems for Mindfulness* (Heard, 2021) - Poetry

## Tip 9: Provide Ample Time for Supported Independent Reading

- Book Shopping
- Conferring
- Kid Watching: Try Jen Serravallo’s [Engagement Inventory](#)

## Tip 10: Celebrate the Joy and Power of Reading

- End-of-Year Reading Celebration: Invite readers from your school building like the principal, P.E. teacher, secretary, and so on to read or book talk their favorite titles to the students.

**Find strategies galore in these professional resources:**

*The Literacy Workshop: Where Reading and Writing Converge* (Walther & Biggs-Tucker, Stenhouse, 2020)

*The Ramped-Up Read Aloud: What to Notice When You Turn the Page* (Walther, Corwin, 2019)

*Game Changer! Book Access for All Kids* (Miller & Sharp, Scholastic, 2018)

*From Striving to Thriving: How to Grow Confident, Capable Readers* (Harvey & Ward, Scholastic, 2017)

*Transforming Literacy Teaching in the Era of Higher Standards K-2* (Walther, Scholastic, 2015)

*Transforming Literacy Teaching in the Era of Higher Standards 3-5* (Biggs-Tucker & Tucker, Scholastic, 2015)

*No More Independent Reading Without Support* (Miller & Moss, Heinemann, 2013)

*The Next Step Guided Reading Assessment, K-2* (Richardson & Walther, Scholastic, 2013)

*The Next Step Guided Reading Assessment, 3-6*. (Richardson & Walther, Scholastic, 2013)

*Month-by-Month Reading for the Differentiated Classroom* (Walther & Phillips, Scholastic, 2012)

*Month-by-Month Trait-Based Writing Instruction* (Walther & Phillips, Scholastic, 2009)