

Favorite New Books and How to Use Them for Literacy and Delight in Kindergarten

A Small Living Room Gathering with Nellie Edge

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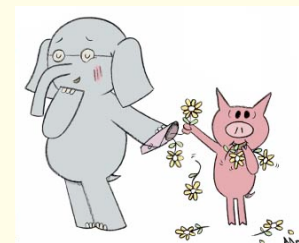
Dear Teachers,

Get acquainted with some of the books we believe all children deserve to have as friends. These are the books that bring a smile and often a chorus of "Read it again!" They are the books that build a love of reading, the books worthy of "grand conversations" with children.

This intimate living room gathering is limited to fourteen educators to maximize our listening enjoyment and interaction. As a gift to children's book fans, many of the books will be available at our cost from the publisher on the day of our literature gathering only. Simple salads and savory cheeses will be served for our luncheon and book browsing time. Limited to 14 teachers, so register early!

In just one day, you will:

- **Get to Know Kindergarten Teachers' Choice: Best Books of 2007, 2008, 2009, and other Favorite "Must Have" Books for the Kindergarten Library (Your new resource book contains many annotated lists!)**
- **Engage Children Imaginatively in Real Books: Use "Grand Conversations," drama, movement, and mime to build comprehension skills and vocabulary.**
- **Build a Reading-at-Home Program to Support Young Readers** and create a Book Buddies Program of shared memories between home and school.
- **Understand Why We Love Mo Willems Books!** (Hint: So do the children!). Get to know these and other delightfully funny books. We promise you laughter and eager early readers!
- **Make your Storybook Reading a Magical Time:** Learn simple, practical, playful tips from master kindergarten storytellers. (Several guest kindergarten storytellers will join us.)
- **Choose the Best Predictable Books so Children Can "Read to Self"** enthusiastically and independently early in the year to build their stamina. (We highly recommend the literacy model shared in *The Daily 5* book/DVD with Gail Boushey and Joan Moser. See their website www.thedailycafe.com.)
- **Explore favorite collections of books for traditional curriculum themes; fiction and nonfiction** from bears and bugs to colors and nocturnal animals.
- **Build a Wonderful Class Library: Enjoy Our Photo Essay for Ideas!** Invite parents to help you expand your existing library. (Ask them to shop used bookstores, garage sales, and Amazon.com using our helpful book lists.)
- **Enjoy "Tales" of Folk Tale Units in Kindergarten:** Why these books and integrated, arts-rich studies are still just right for young children.
- **Learn About Inexpensive Phonics Books that Reinforce Word Study skills:** Where can you purchase them? Where can you download them? How do you make them? Provide multisensory phonics practice throughout the day!
- **Kindergarten Teacher's Choice: Best books for the first week of school** and how to use literature experiences to build community.
- **Choose and Use Quality Guided Reading Book Sets: Look for art and language worthy of children! (Explore our picks from several companies.)**



Elephant and Piggie
Books by Mo Willems

Confession: I love children's books. I love reading aloud. I love finding and giving children only the "rarest kind of best in anything," and I love creating lists. So, this gathering is really simply my excuse to share wonderful books with my fellow children's book enthusiasts—all day long. Now how fun is that?

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"I know well that only the rarest kind of best in anything can be good enough for the young." –Walter de la Mare, Bells of Grass