

Beyond the Page Afterschool Program: Read Aloud as a Springboard to Inquiry Indian Prairie District #204

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Inquiry Text Pairs

Food and Fun!

Vamos! Let's Go to the Market (Raúl the Third, 2019)

More Lunch Lines: Tear-Out Riddles for Lunchtime Giggles (Signer, 2020)

Collect

In a Jar (Marcero, 2020)

My Book of Rocks and Minerals: Things to Find, Collect, and Treasure (Dennie, 2017)

[National Geographic Rock and Mineral Set](#)

Wonder

I Wonder (Holt, 2019)

5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything (National Geographic, 2012)

Imagine: Create Your Own Comics

Lift (Lê, 2020)

Fancy Friends: Bunbun and Bonbon (Keating, 2020)

[Blank Comic Books for Kids](#)

Draw

Simon at the Art Museum (Soontornvat, 2020)

How to Draw All the Things for Kids (Koch, 2020)

Design and Build

Jabari Tries (Cornwall, 2020)

Build It! Volume 1: Make Supercool Models with Your LEGO® Classic Set (Brick Books)

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Inquiry Text Pairs (Continued)

Plant Seeds

Harlem Grown (Hillery, 2020)

Gardening for Kids: Learn, Grow and Get Messy with Fun STEAM Projects (Stone, 2020)

Plant Stories (Storytelling/Puppets)

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré (Denise, 2019)

Sing

The Oboe Goes Boom Boom Boom (Venable, 2020)

The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop (Weatherford, 2019)

Chant & Rhyme (Assorted Poems)

Explore the Outdoors

Where's Rodney? (Bogan, 2017)

[National Park Passport Book](#)

Blast Off Into Space

Red Rover Curiosity on Mars (Ho, 2019) or *Goodnight, Astronaut* (Kelly, 2021)

Everything Space (2018 Edition)

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Sample Session Plans

Session 1: Welcome!

- READ ALOUD: *Ways to Welcome* (Ashman, 2020)
- What are some new ways you learned to welcome during the pandemic?
- Sometimes we welcome others with food. What are your favorite foods?
 - Invent Your Own Food
 - Create it out of clay
 - Name your new food
 - Tell or write about it - try to convince us to eat it!
 - Tell a Joke! Lunch Box Joke Book
- TAKE HOME BOOK: *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market* (Raúl the Third, 2019)
 - Book Talk: *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market* (Raúl the Third, 2019)
 - VIRTUAL GOOGLE EARTH FIELD TRIP: Visit landmarks found in *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market*

Session 2: Collect

- READ ALOUD: *In a Jar* (Marcero, 2020) [Read aloud focus: Collections and relationships]
 - What have you collected?
 - Explore a collection: Learn Your Gemstones
 - Collectors Examine: Look at your rocks, use the magnifying glass. What do you notice?
 - Collectors Compare and Sort: Pick a few rocks. Make categories on your whiteboard. Sort!
 - Collectors Identify: Use the booklet to identify a few rocks. Which is your favorite? Why?
- TAKE HOME BOOK: *My Book of Rocks and Minerals: Things to Find, Collect, and Treasure* (Dennie, 2017)
 - BOOK TALK: *Rock by Rock: The Fantastical Garden of Nek Chand* (Bradbury, 2021)
 - VIRTUAL GOOGLE EARTH FIELD TRIP: Visit Nek's Garden in India

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Session 3: Wonder

- READ ALOUD: *I Wonder* (Holt, 2019) [Read aloud focus: Where do questions lead?]
- TAKE HOME BOOK: *5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything* (National Geographic, 2012)
 - Create a “Wonder Wall” JamBoard
 - True or False? Question to Introduce *5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything Book* (On Google Slides)
 - Students create a lego creation using an idea from *5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything Book* or their brain. Teachers and other students try to guess what it is.
 - BOOK TALK
 - VIRTUAL GOOGLE EARTH FIELD TRIP: Visit Seven Natural Wonders of the World

Session 4: Imagine

- READ ALOUD: *Lift* (Lê, 2020) [Read Aloud Focus: Image Study, Predicting]
- TAKE HOME BOOK: *Fancy Friends: Bunbun & Bonbon* (Keating, 2020)
 - Teach Steps to Creating a Comic (On Slides)
 - Students Create and Share Comics Using Blank Comic Book
- BOOK TALK: *Fancy Friends: Bunbun & Bonbon* (Keating, 2020)
- VIRTUAL GOOGLE EARTH FIELD TRIP: Visit Seven Natural Wonders of the World (From Session 3)

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Session 5: Make Your Mark—Design and Build

- READ ALOUD: *Jabari Tries* (Cornwall, 2020) [Read Aloud Focus: How designers think and act, growth mindset, making connections - sibling relationships/solving problems]
- TAKE HOME BOOK: *Build It! Volume 1: Make Supercool Models with Your LEGO® Classic Set (Brick Books)*
 - Fold a Paper Airplane
 - Introduce Build It! Book - Table of Contents/Page Designs
 - Lego Building:
 - Was your creation from the book or from your imagination?
 - Tell about your creation. Name it.
 - Tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end about your creation.
- BOOK TALK: *The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid* (Winter, 2017)
- VIRTUAL GOOGLE EARTH FIELD TRIP: Buildings designed by Zaha Hadid

Sample Session Schedule

4:00 - 4:15	Attendance Activity/Community Building Activity
4:15 - 4:45	Whole Group Literacy Experience: Read Aloud/Extend the Experience
4:50 - 4:55	Screen-Free Break/Movement Break
4:55 - 5:15	Break Out Rooms (K-3) and (4-5): Hands-On Activity, Sharing Rehearsal
5:15 - 5:30	Share/Celebrate/Wrap-Up: Book Talks/Book Trailers/Virtual Field Trip