

First Grade

Launching: Building Good Reading Habits

Introduction

In this portion of the Launching Unit, the work is divided into three bends. The first bend reminds readers to use familiar habits at the beginning, middle and end of a book. The second bend encourages readers to draw on all that they know about reading to work on solving unfamiliar or 'tricky' words. The third bend allows readers to grow and learn ways to read with partners. (taken from Book 1: Building Good Reading Habits) First Graders will work to become efficient and flexible word problem-solvers in order to get themselves 'unstuck' at a point of difficulty. The critical message of the next few sessions is simple...establish structures and expectations that will shape the work that the students do in Reader's Workshop. As you teach, you will remind readers to search for meaning before, during and after reading. Readers will anticipate story events, make predictions and revise them to gain meaning of the books they read.

Bends in the unit:

- Bend 1: Habits for Reading Long & Strong
- Bend 2: Habits for Tackling Even the Hardest Words
- Bend 3: Partners Have Good Habits, Too!

**Launching: Building Good Reading Habits
Lesson Links**

**Habits for Reading
Long & Strong
Bend 1
· Sessions 1-7 ·**

**Habits for
Tackling Even
the Hardest
Words
Bend 2
Sessions 8-14**

**Partners Have
Good Habits, Too!
Bend 3
Sessions 15-17**

**Suggested
Read Aloud &
Mentor Texts**

**Conferring &
Mid Workshop
Teach Points**

Assessment
