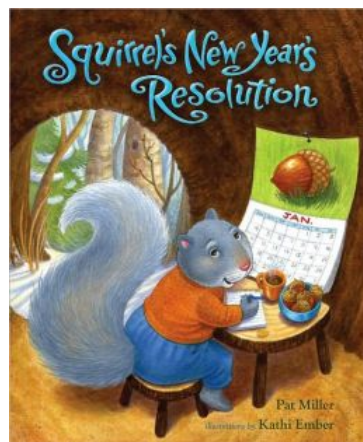
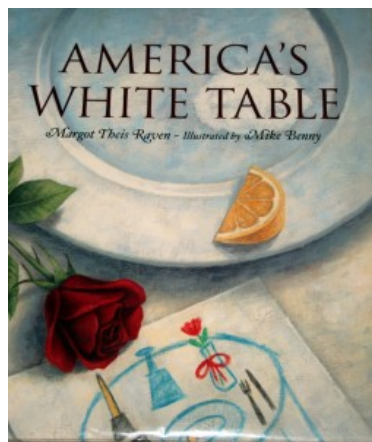


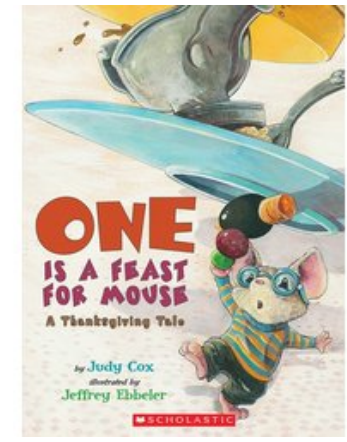
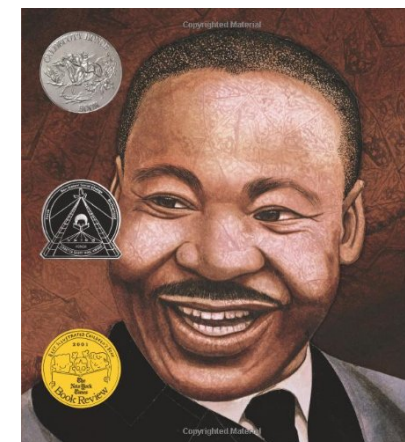
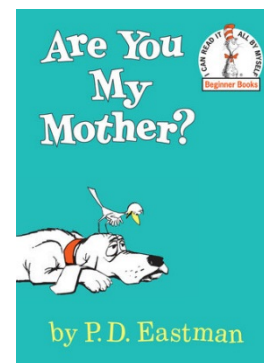
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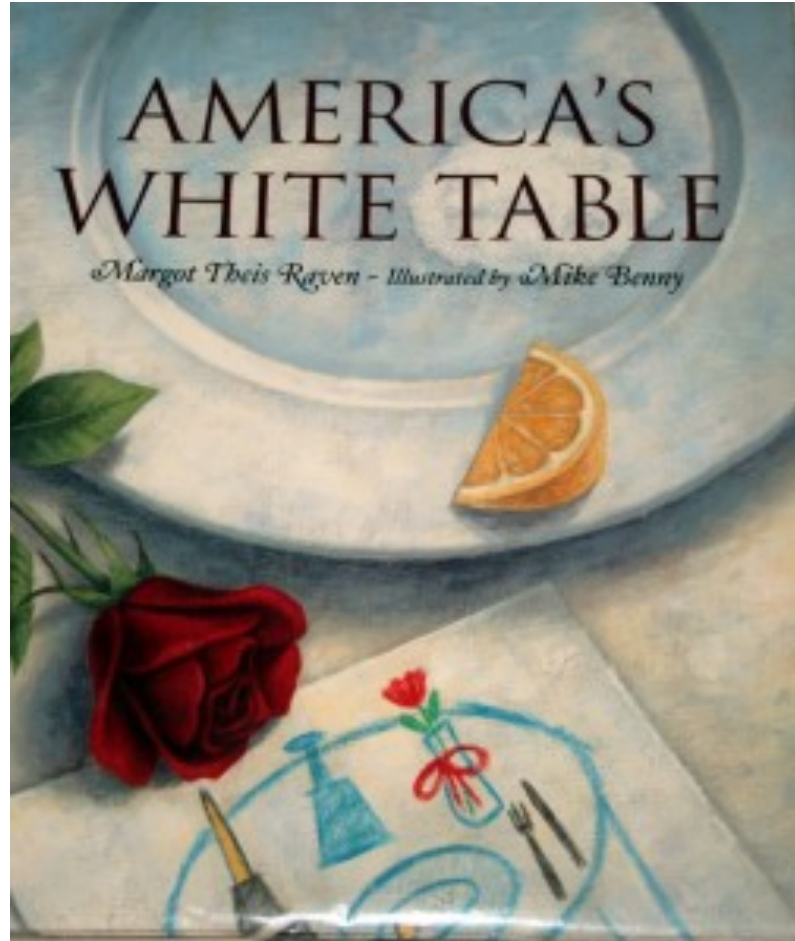
White Bluff Elementary School



Librarian



Veteran's Day



Activities:

Set a white table in the library, hallway, or cafeteria.

Write thank you notes to veterans in your community.

Think of another object you would put on the table. Draw and label the object. Write a sentence that explains why you chose that object.

America's White Table – Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

List at least three things that were on the America's White Table?

Comprehension:

What is the main idea of the story, America's White Table?

Application:

If you could add one more item to America's White Table, what would it be and why?

Analysis:

Why do you think Uncle John's eyes filled with tears of pride?

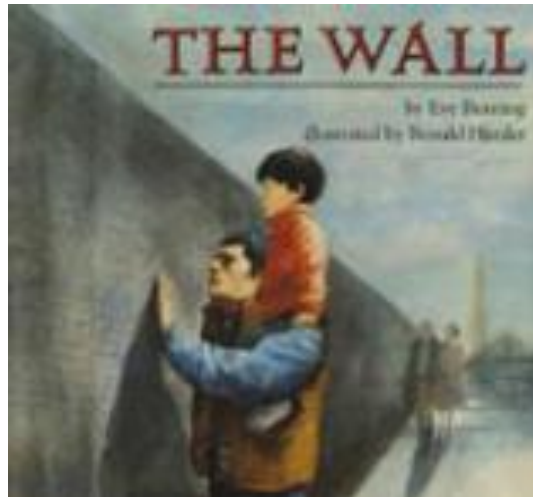
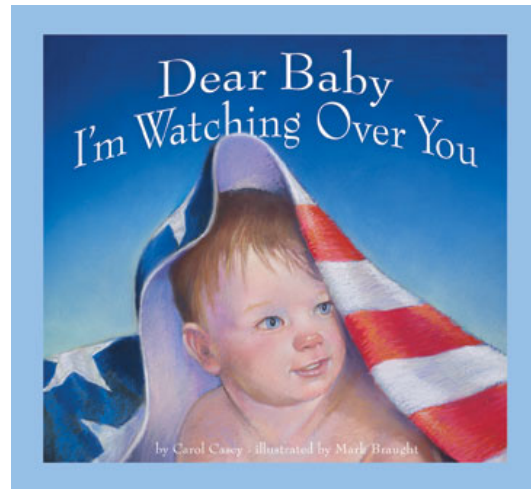
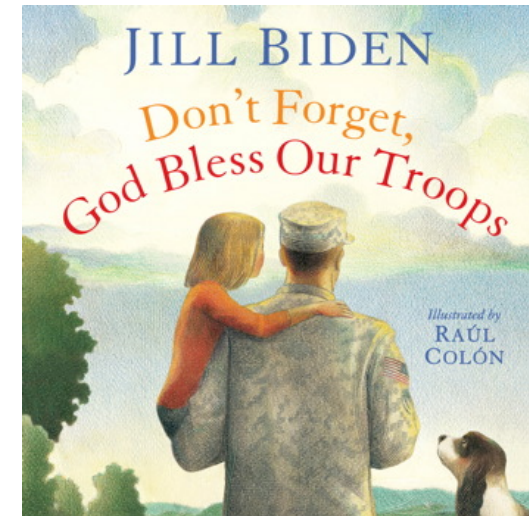
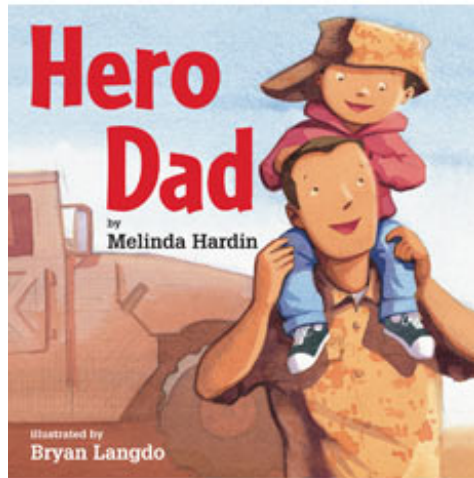
Synthesis:

Propose an alternative idea to honor veterans?

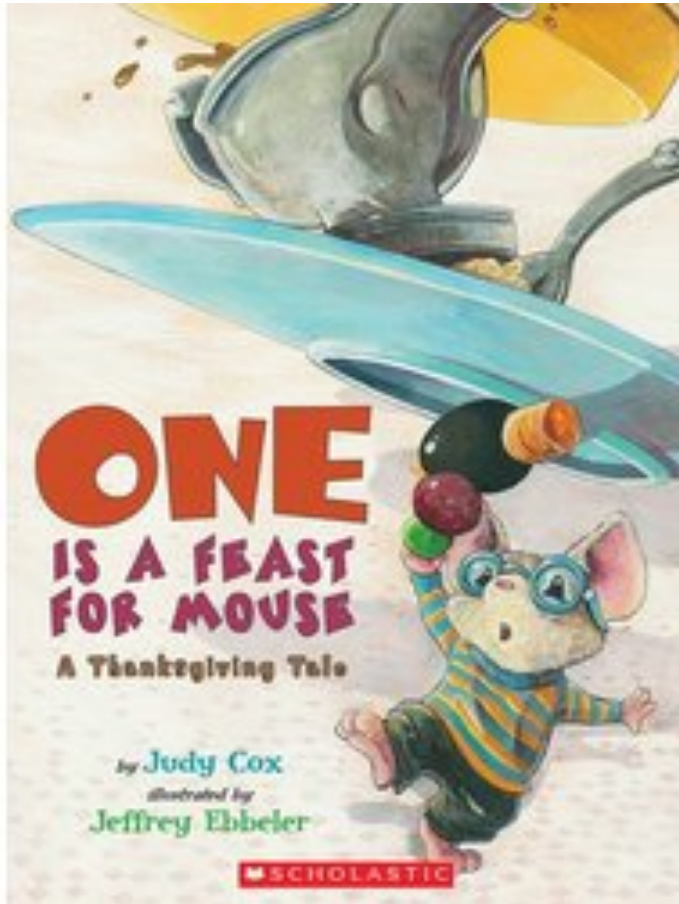
Evaluation:

Would you recommend America's White Table to others? Why or why not?

Noteworthy Veteran's Day Books



Thanksgiving



Activities:

Group/Oral Participation

This story is a cumulative tale.

As students get used to the sequence of foods, pause and let them say the next food item.

“This is a feast for (your name)”

Have students write and illustrate about the foods that would be part of a perfect feast for them.

One is a Feast for a Mouse – Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

Why did the mouse leave his hidey-hole?

Comprehension:

In your own words, explain what this means, “But his eyes were bigger than his stomach.”

Application:

If you could change one event in the story, what would it be and why?

Analysis:

What conclusions can you draw about the Mom’s reaction to the noise?

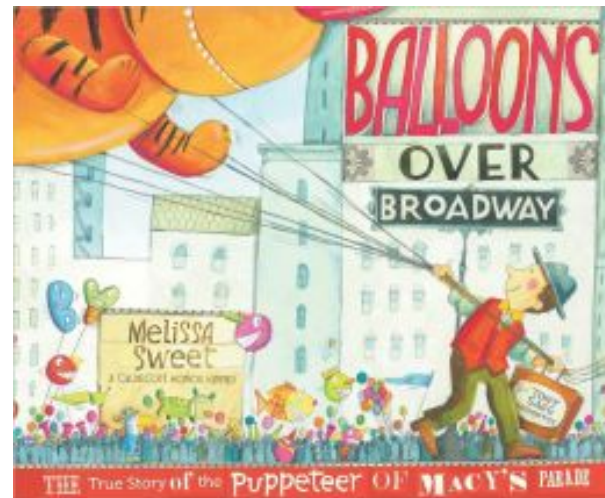
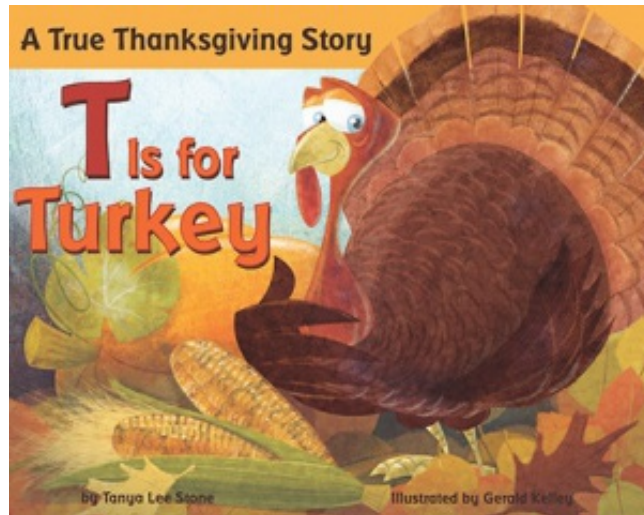
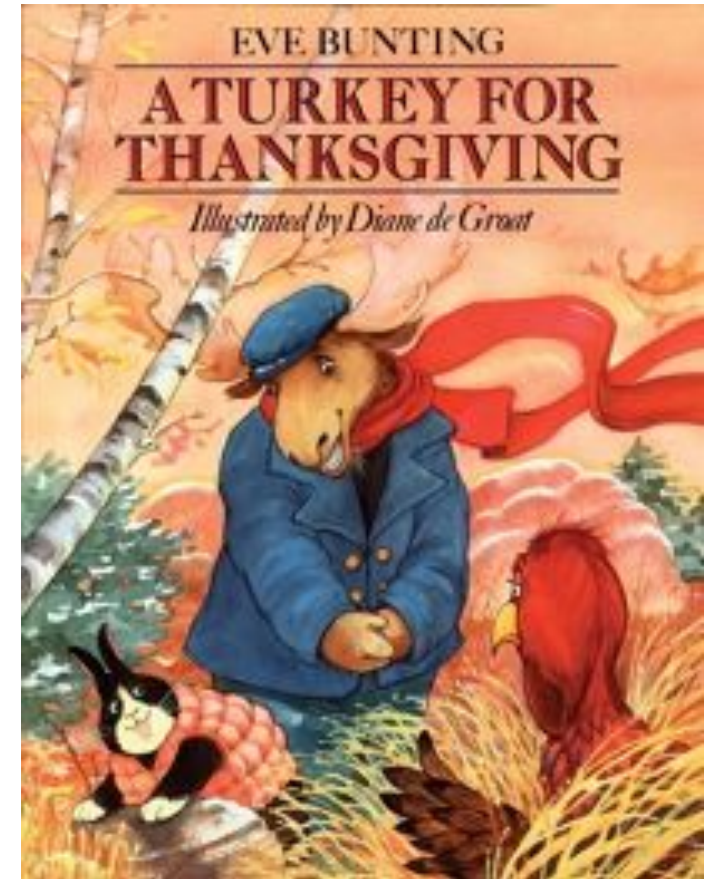
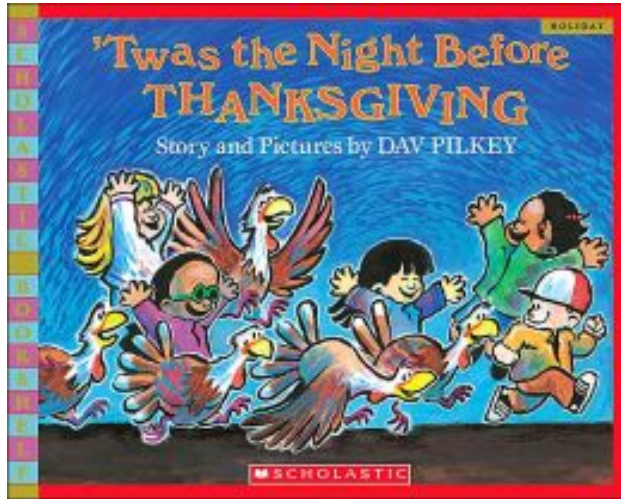
Synthesis:

Think about the event you would have changes in the application question. How would the story end if that event was changed?

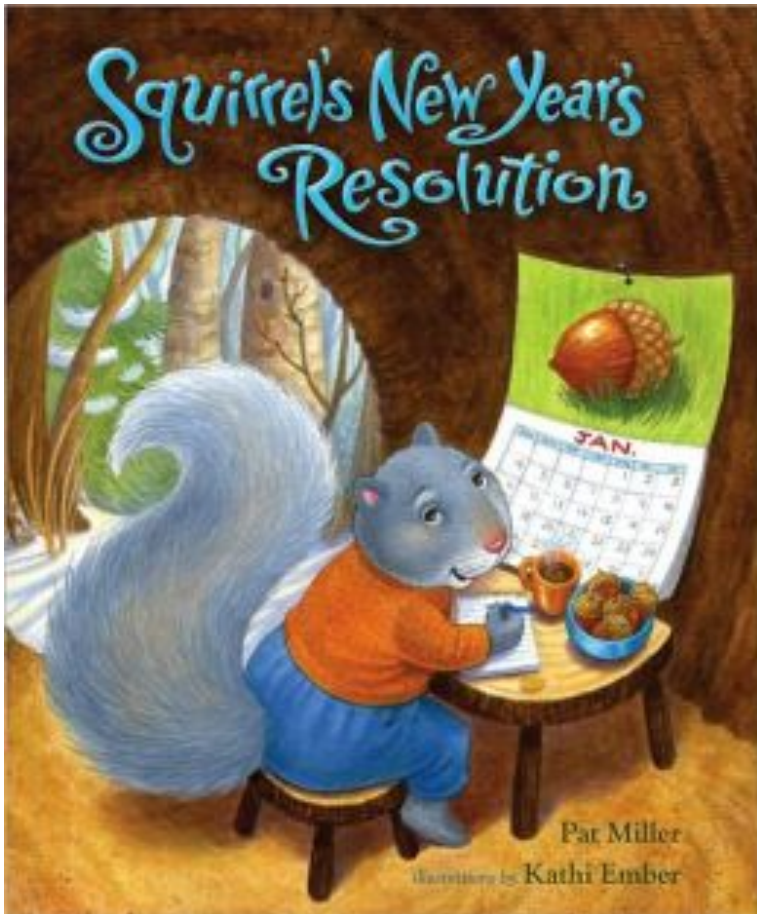
Evaluation:

Would you recommend One is a Feast for a Mouse to others? Why or why not?

Noteworthy Thanksgiving Books



New Year's Day



Activities:

Reader's Theater

Make a Reading Resolution

Watch the book being read on YouTube.

Squirrel's New Years Resolution – Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

List three characters in this story.

Comprehension:

Bear explains to Squirrel the definition of a resolution. Explain in your own words the meaning of resolution.

Application:

Pretend you are a character in this book. What animal would you be? Would you make the same resolution?

Analysis:

What is the theme of this book?

Synthesis:

Think of another way that the story could end.

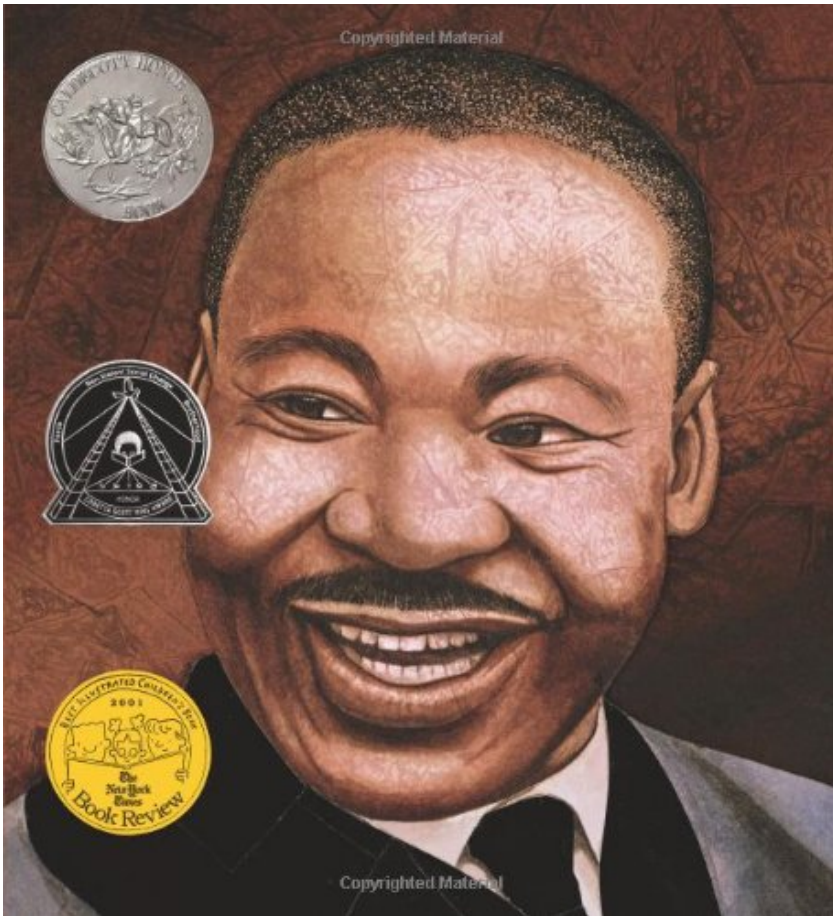
Evaluation:

Why did Squirrel chose his resolution? What events from the text show he made a good choice?

Noteworthy New Year's Day Books



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Activities:

Big Word Poem

Time Line Activity

The King Center Website

Brain Pop Video on MLK

Martin's Big Words - Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

According to the book, why did Martin Luther King, Jr. win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964?

Comprehension:

Did Martin Luther King, Jr. believe in violence? What proof do you have from the story to support your view.

Application:

If you were able to go back in time and interview Martin Luther King, Jr., what one question would you be sure to ask him?

Analysis:

List the words that Martin Luther King, Jr. considered "big words".

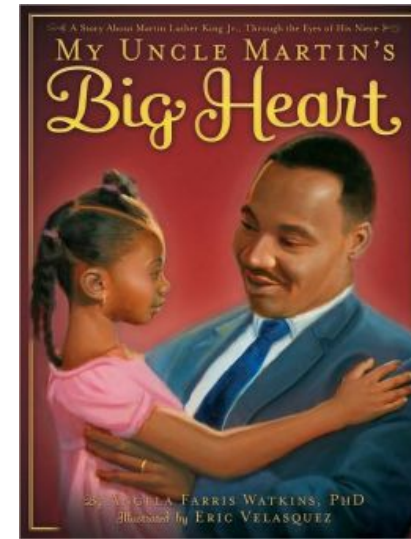
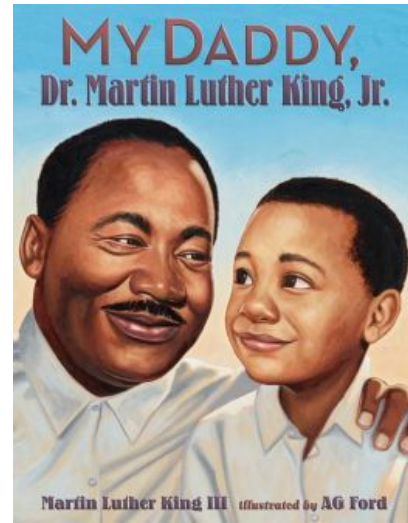
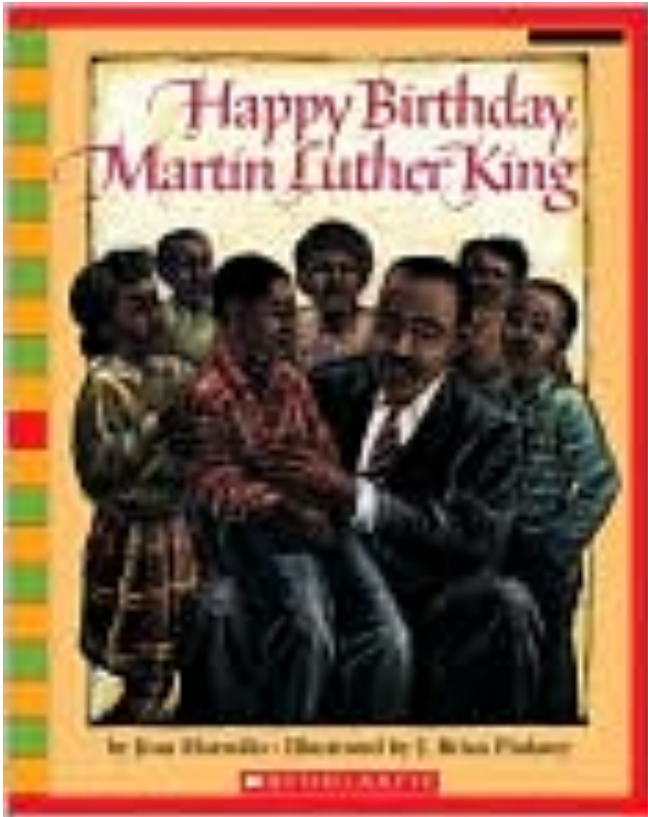
Synthesis:

If you could add more information to this story, what would it be and why?

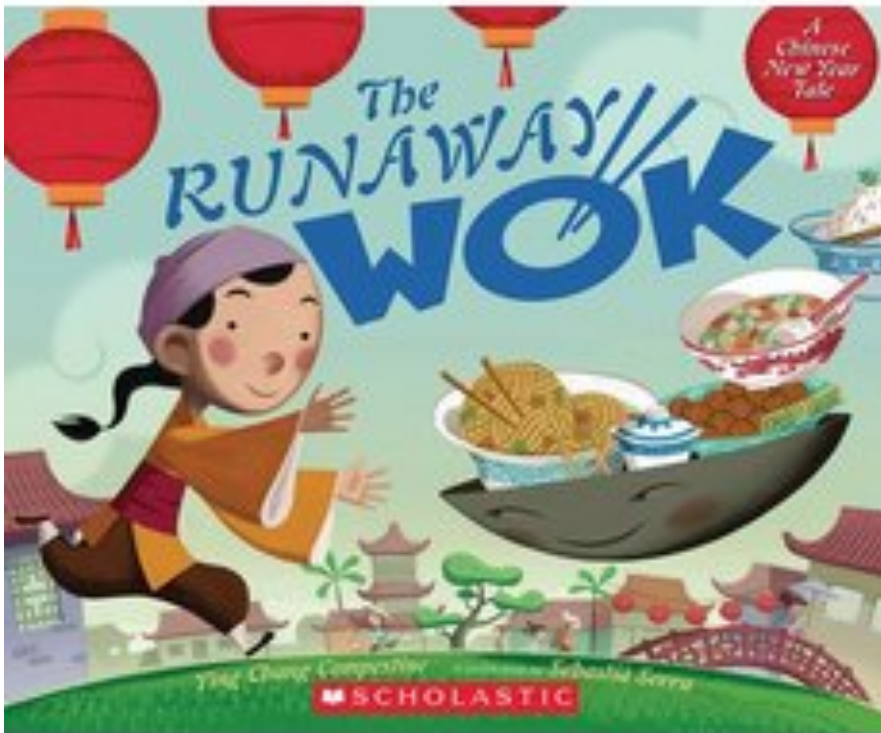
Evaluation:

Which big word do you think is most important? Why?

Noteworthy Books about Martin Luther King, Jr.



Chinese New Year



Activities:

Compare the story to other fairy tales. (Jack and the Beanstalk, Gingerbread Man)

Compare things that happen during the Chinese New Year to things that happen during other holidays.

Look at the moon cycle for next year. Predict the day of the Chinese New Year.

The Runaway Wok - Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

What is a wok?

Comprehension:

Pretend you are telling a friend about this book. How would you summarize it for them?

Application:

At the beginning of the story, if the mother had decided to throw the wok away instead of polishing it, what do you think would have happened?

Analysis:

What is the lesson learned in this story?

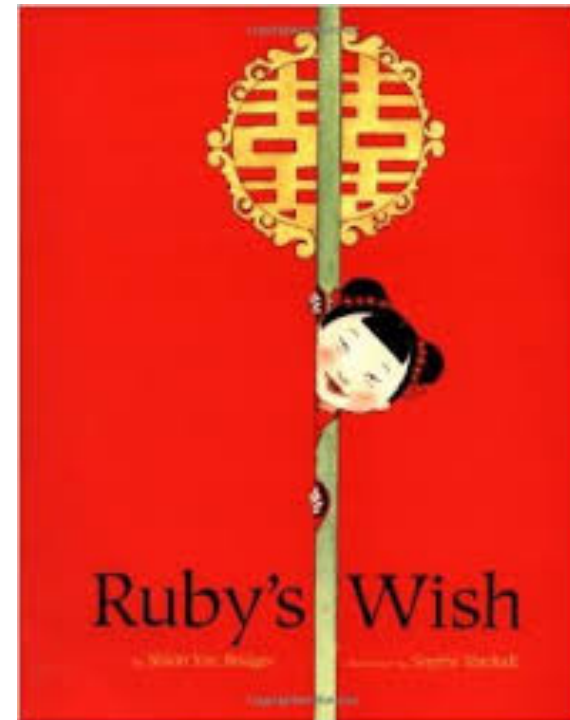
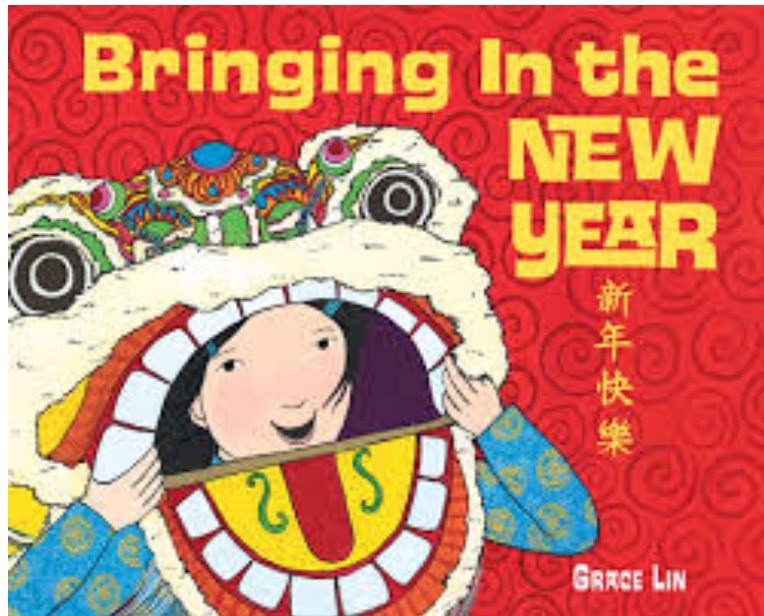
Synthesis:

Predict what you think happened next for the Li family.

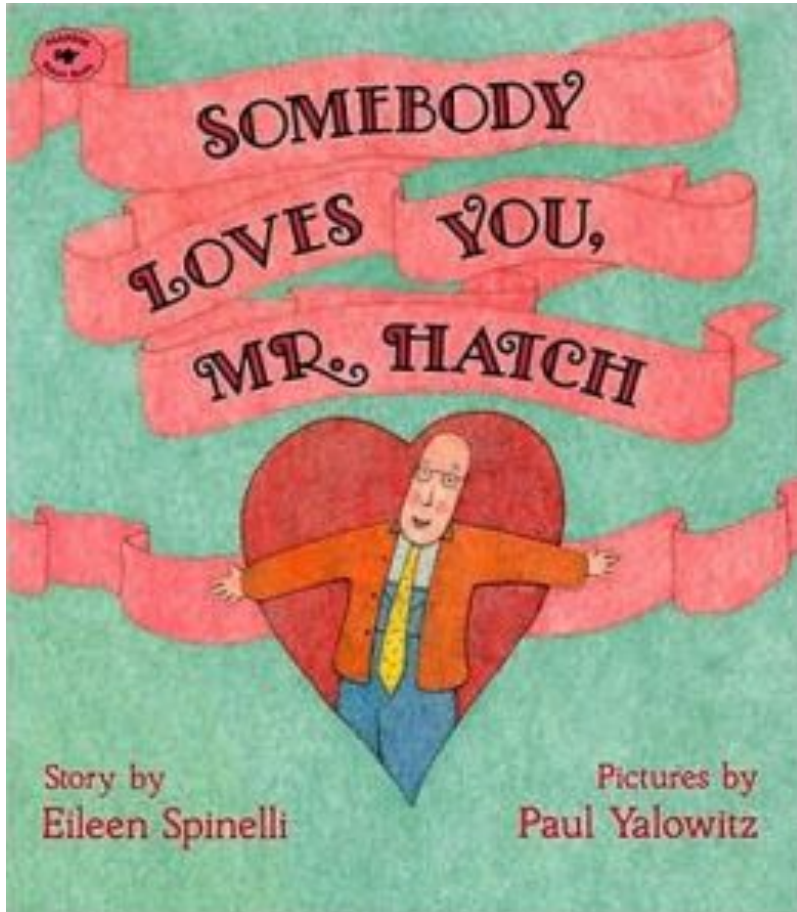
Evaluation:

How would you rate this book? Thumbs Up, Thumbs Sideways, Thumbs Down. Why?

Other Noteworthy Chinese New Year Books



Valentine's Day



Activities:

Heartfelt Compliments

Somebody loves you! Note

Watch the story on Story Line Online

After watching the story, do a picture walk and have the students retell the story.

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch – Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

Who is the main character in this story?

Comprehension:

Explain how Mr. Hatch changes through out the story.

Application:

If you were interviewing Mr. Hatch at the end of the story, what question would you ask him?

Analysis:

How do you think Mr. Hatch would answer your question? What from the story makes you think that he would answer that way?

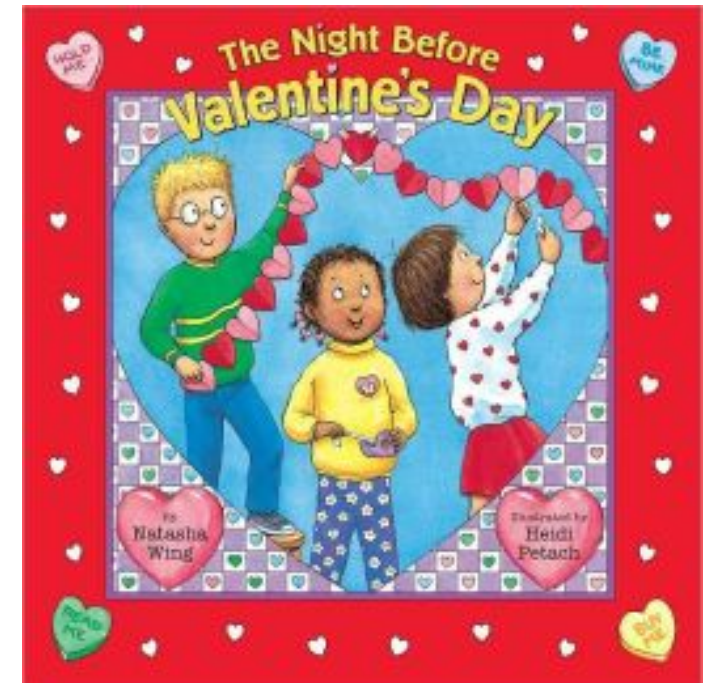
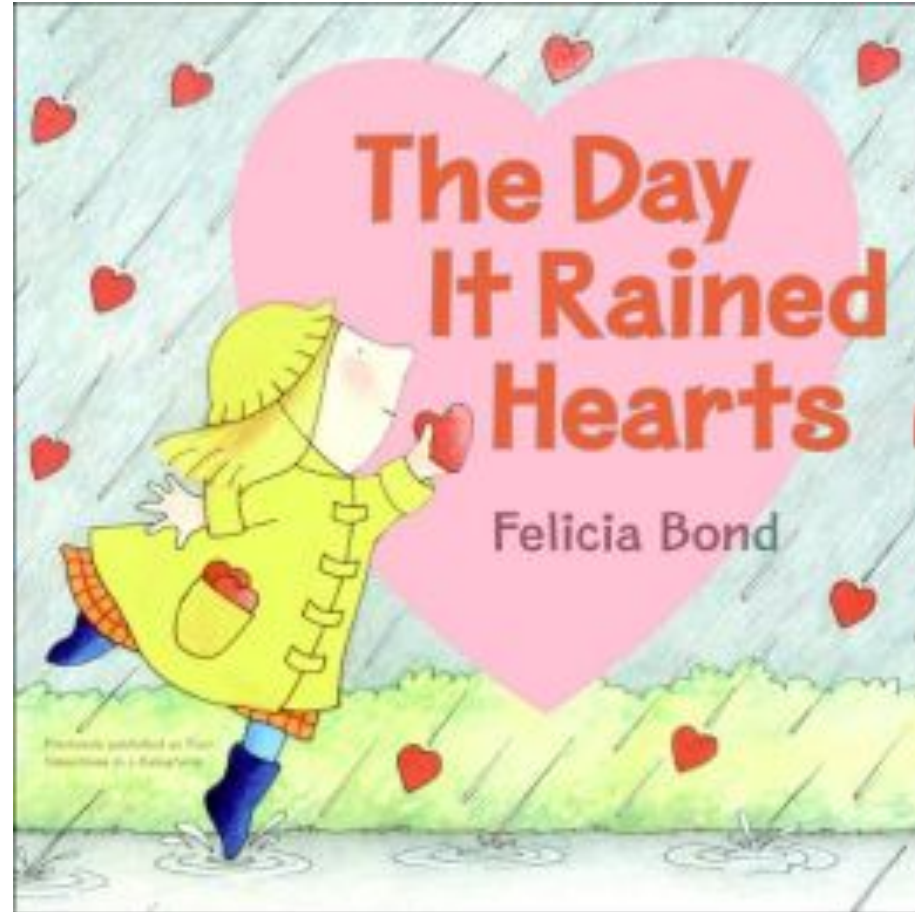
Synthesis:

Suppose your job was to write a part II to this story. What would it be about?

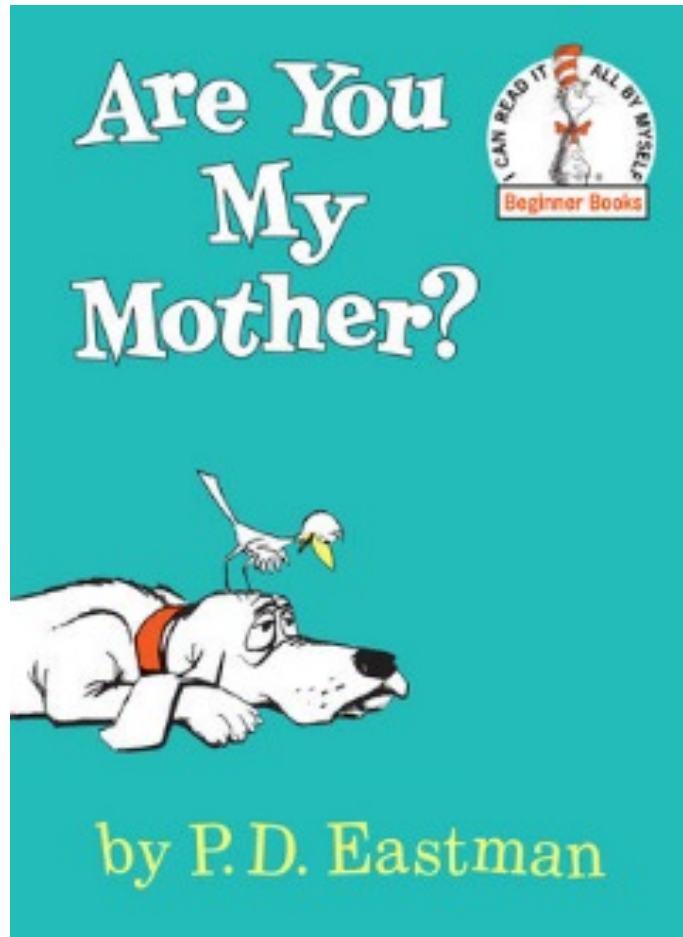
Evaluation:

What is your opinion about this book? Why do you feel that way?

Other Noteworthy Books for Valentine's Day



Mother's Day



Activities:

Have the students answer descriptive questions about their mother.

Have the students retell the story with sequence cards.

Write and act out a Reader's Theater of this book!

Are You My Mother – Critical Thinking

Knowledge:

How many other animals/objects did bird ask, “Are you my mother?”

Comprehension:

Explain the mother had to leave the nest.

Application:

Create a missing mother poster for the bird. Describe and draw her.

Analysis:

Why do you think the bird thought the other animals/objects were his mother?

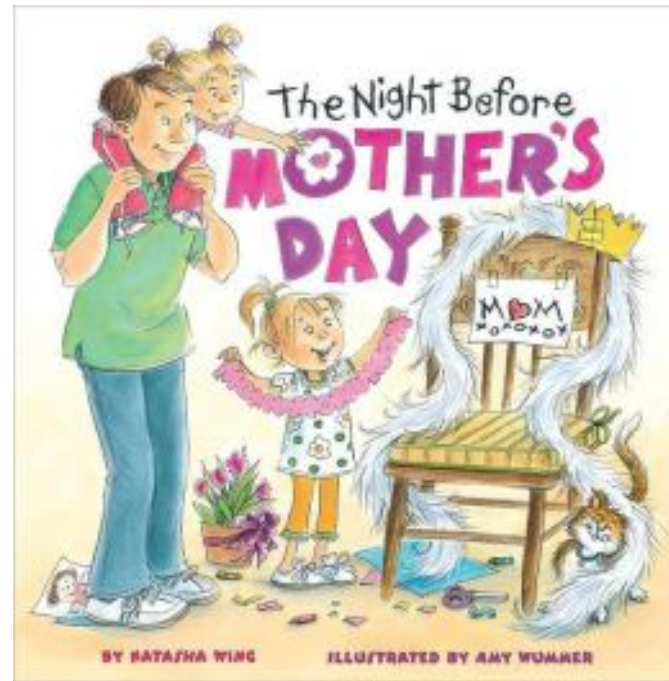
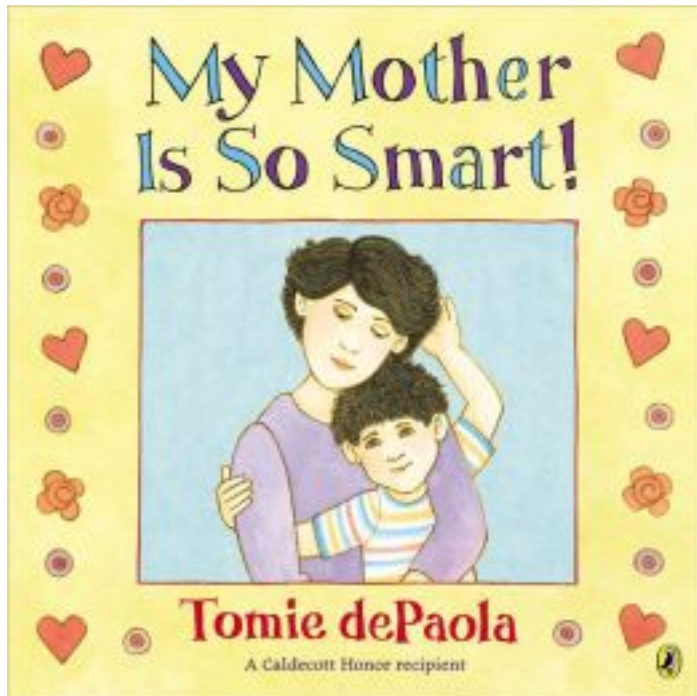
Synthesis:

Suppose you lost your mother. How would you describe her?

Evaluation:

What is your opinion of this story?

Other Noteworthy Mother's Day Books



Web Search

- Pinterest
- You Tube and Teacher Tube
- Reader's Theater
- Author's Web Page
- Illustrator's Web Page
- Publisher's Web Page

Resources

- Squirrel's New Year's Resolutions
 - <http://www.albertwhitman.com/resources/BookResources/9/7/documents/squirrels-readers-theater1.pdf>
 - http://www.scholastic.com/parents/sites/default/files/field_file/new-years-reading-resolutions.pdf
- Martin's Big Words
 - www.thekingcenter.com
 - <https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/freemovies/martinlutherkingjr/>
- Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch
 - <http://www.storylineonline.net/somebody-loves-you-mr-hatch/>
- Are You My Mother
 - <https://youtu.be/-1s38H2-WKI>
 - <http://www.cupcakediariesblog.com/2013/05/mothers-day-questionnaire-free.html>
 - <http://www.archjrc.com/childsplace/images/mothergame.pdf>

Other books and resources shared by librarians during this session. 😊

Thanksgiving Books

- Turk and Runt by Lisa Wheeler
- Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano
- We Gather Together...Now Please Get Lost! By Diane DeGroat
- Sometimes It's Turkey, Sometimes It's Feathers by Lorna Balian
- Milly and the Macy's Parade by Shana Corey
- Cranberry Thanksgiving by Harry Devlin

MLK Day

- Boycott Blues by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Valentine's Day

- Never Too Little To Love by Jeanne Willis
- My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall

Idea Sources

- Teachers Pay Teachers
- Library Sparks Magazine
- Good Reads – lessons in comment section
- Patpavelka.com