

Texts That Promote Talking and Listening

The following texts can be used as the basis for the lesson plans in this chapter. The emphasis is on ideas and issues worth listening to and talking about, from the humorous to the serious. These texts may also serve as mentor texts for oral language structures such as dialogue and as sources of vocabulary enrichment.

Illustrated fiction texts

The Top Secret Files of Mother Goose! by Gabby Gosling; illustrated by Tim Banks

Crow Boy by Taro Yashima

The Naked Lady by Ian Wallace

Old Turtle by Douglas Wood; illustrated by Cheng-Khee Chee

Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti

The Waiting Dog by Carolyn Beck; illustrated by Andrea Beck

The Wretched Stone by Chris Van Allsburg

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Folk and fairy tales from around the world

The Three Little Pigs retold by James Marshall

Who's in Rabbit's House? A Masai tale retold by Verna Aardema

Talk, Talk: An Ashanti Legend retold by Deborah M. Newton Chocolate; illustrated by Dave Albers

The Legend of the Lady Slipper (Ojibwe tale) adapted by Lisa Lunge-Larsen and Margi Preus; illustrated by Andrea Arroyo

Texts on social issues

A Weekend with Wendell by Kevin Henkes

Willy the Wimp by Anthony Browne

17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore by Jenny Offill; illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammad; illustrated by Doug Chayka

Bubba, the Cowboy Prince by Helen Ketteman; illustrated by James Warhola

All Those Secrets of the World by Jane Yolen; illustrated by Leslie Baker

Fanny's Dream by Caralyn Buehner; illustrated by Mark Buehner

Smoky Night by Eve Bunting; illustrated by David Diaz

Jack the Bear by Christina Leist

The Rabbits by John Marsden; illustrated by Shaun Tan

Christina Katerina and the Time She Quit the Family by Patricia Lee Gauch; illustrated by Elsie Primavera

What Really Matters Now . . . by Susan and Todd Montgomery

Illustrated information texts

Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell; illustrated by Kim LaFave

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

The Canadian Railroad Trilogy by Gordon Lightfoot; illustrated by Ian Wallace

Wolves by Tracy C. Read

Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine

The Tree by Dana Lyons; illustrated by David Danioth
Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley; photographs by Nic Bishop
A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. by David A. Adler; illustrated by Robert Casilla
The Bus Ride That Changed History: Rosa Parks by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illustrated by Danny Shanahan
White Socks Only by Evelyn Coleman; illustrated by Tyrone Geter
Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass by Lesa Cline-Ransome; illustrated by James E. Ransome

Non-print media

Swimmy and More Classic Leo Lionni Stories (DVD Scholastic)
The Talespinners Collection (NFB of Canada)
Stellaluna (DVD)
Jeu (a wordless film about the chaos of modern life) (NFB of Canada)
Jumanji — Joe Johnstone's film adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's illustrated book
Hana's Suitcase (CBC documentary)
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (adaptation of the Roald Dahl novel, Mel Stuart version)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Tim Burton version)