

Shared Reading Handout

How Mother Nature

Flowered the Fields of Earth and Mars



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Title of Book: How Mother Nature Flowered the Fields of Earth and Mars

Genre of Book: Fairy Tale

Lesson Focus: Fairy Tale Genre

Setting

Characters

Events / Plots

Theme

Focus Comprehension Strategies: Previewing
Self Questioning
Summarizing

Think Aloud:

Previewing

When I look at the cover and title page, I see Mother Nature. I have seen Mother Nature in fairy tales. That makes me think that this might be a fairy tale.

Self Questioning

When the story didn't begin "Once upon a time," I wonder "Is it a fairy tale?" But as I read more and see that Mother Nature is talking to the bees, beavers and earthworms, I think this is a fairy tale.

Summarizing and Self Questioning

After reading the story, the biggest event that stands out to me is the growing and care of flowers. I wonder whether flowers are the theme. As I look back at the story, I will check again to see whether flowers are really the most important idea in the story.

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Writing Connection Activities:

Create original student fairy tale (small groups of students)

Brainstorm ideas

Plan setting

Create characters

Outline events / plot

First draft writing

Revise / edit

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