

## New LRC Resources February 2024

Hello colleagues:

The resources below were selected to support literacy work being done at the site and district level. In most cases, I ordered two or three copies of each resource and have kept one copy signed out to me so that you will have the opportunity to view them, **until the end of March**. They are on display on the counter by my desk in the LRC workroom. I have put the additional copies into circulation.

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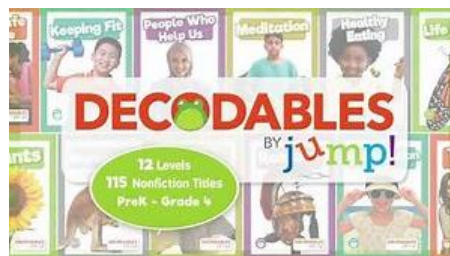
LSTs: I will have these on display and briefly go over them at the March meeting.

A huge shout out to Heather, Helena, and Starsa for all their work on these kits.

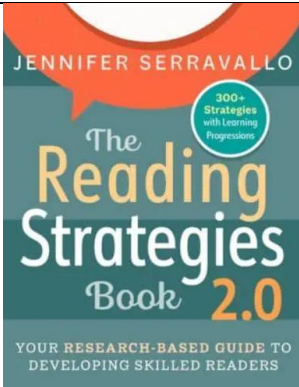
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### Supersonic Phonics

The LRC just purchased a 7-month subscription to the 278 phonics-based decodable books in the **Supersonic Phonics** and **Jump! Decodable** digital collections. The titles are available to all students across the district (and across the province to Nides students) through SORA. The titles are also simultaneous access, meaning more than one student is able to use a title at the same time. This enables in-class small group or whole class group work, as well as home reading and summer reading programs. The Publisher, Bearport Publishing, states the levels range from Pre-K to Grade 4. Click [here](#) for a short YouTube video. Ask your TL for how to access them.



### The Reading Strategies Book 2.0 Your Research-based Guide to Developing Skilled Readers

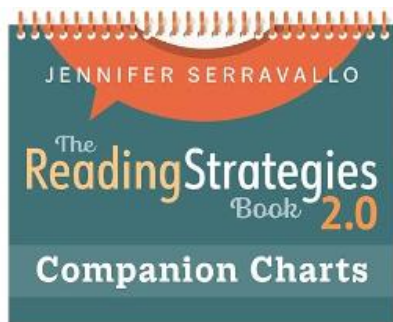


“Serravallo brings a practical and proven approach to helping teachers help kids develop as skilled readers. *The Reading Strategies Book 2.0* is designed to work in every K-8 classroom, providing strategies and lesson plans for every type of reader.

The user-friendly design of *The Reading Strategies Book 2.0* makes it easy to find strategies, prompts, and tips that meet every student where they are *now*. Save prep time and support readers' progress toward skills mastery with classroom-ready features such as revised lesson language with updated mentor texts, teaching tips with advice for differentiation, and mostly new student-facing charts.”

*\*2 copies (1 on display, 1 in circulation)*

### **The Reading Strategies Book 2.0 : Companion Charts**



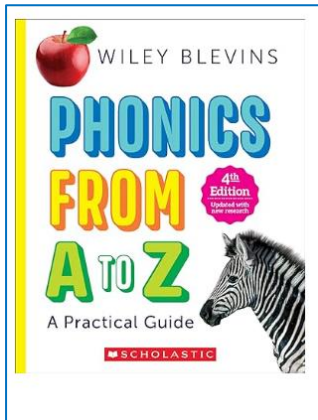
“*The Reading Strategies Book 2.0 Companion Charts* includes:

- 300+ enlarged charts from *The Reading Strategies Book 2.0* in full color
- Full-color laminated dividers for each chapter that make it easy to flip, find, and teach strategies
- Spiral-bound setup for ease of use
- Free-standing tabletop flip chart or under document camera display

The *Companion Charts* are invaluable for educators of all experience levels. A complement to *The Reading Strategies Book 2.0*, the interactive and enlarged charts are perfect for small-group, conferring, or whole-class lessons.”

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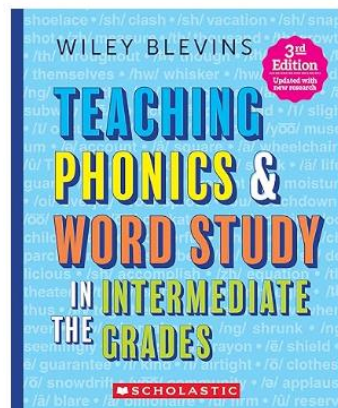
## Phonics from A to Z : A Practical Guide



"Leading phonics expert Wiley Blevins has updated his best-selling classic to include the latest in phonics instruction and the science of reading, as well as current research on handwriting and on phonemic awareness. This revised edition also offers ideas for maximizing your scope and sequence, practical tips for creating sound walls, a decodable text routine for building comprehension, strategies for differentiating during whole-group lessons while better targeting small-group work, and more."

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## Teaching Phonics & Word Study in the Intermediate Grades

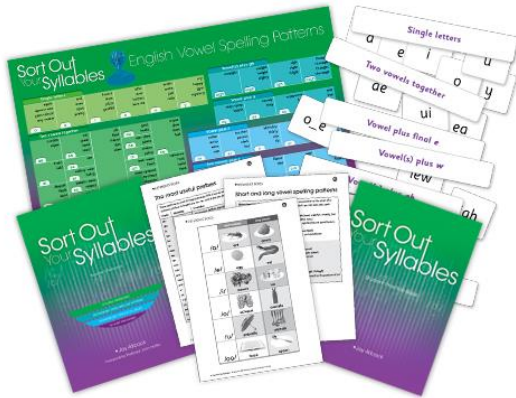


“Companion to Wiley Blevin's best-selling classic *Phonics from A to Z*, this strategy book for **upper elementary** has been updated to include the latest in phonics instruction and the science of reading. Includes a model weekly schedule with high-impact routines for older students who need support, revised word lists for irregular

and decodable high-frequency words, strategies for differentiating during whole-group lessons while targeting small-group work, sample intervention lesson, and more.”

*3 copies (1 on display, 2 in circulation)*

## Sort Out Your Syllables for Grades 4-8



“*Sort Out Your Syllables* provides a plan for reading and writing multisyllabic words that are unfamiliar in print form, is a consistent approach to finding syllables in words, and avoids the need to use complex syllabification rules. It supports decoding by allowing students to get as close as possible to the correct pronunciation when reading unfamiliar words and supports spelling by helping students learn the different vowel spelling patterns and the most appropriate ones to use.”

<https://www.scholastic.ca/education/sort-out-your-syllables/>

*\*3 copies (1 on display, 2 in circulation)*

*I have ordered 30 desk cards as they don't come with the “set.” When they arrive, which should be any day now, I will put the set on display.*

## Heads Up for: Scholastic Catch Up Your Code



“Catch Up Your Code is designed to identify and fill students' gaps in knowledge of the alphabetic code of English. The knowledge is critical for efficient decoding and spelling. Any gaps impact negatively on reading comprehension and writing. The

phonics program starts with a short assessment, then provides a series of fast, effective lessons to close the gaps.”

Grade Level: 4-8

Topic: Striving Readers

<https://www.scholastic.ca/education/catch-up-your-code/>

*\*When this resource comes out, near the end of the year, it will be purchased to support Intermediate students who need to catch up on their phonics skills.*

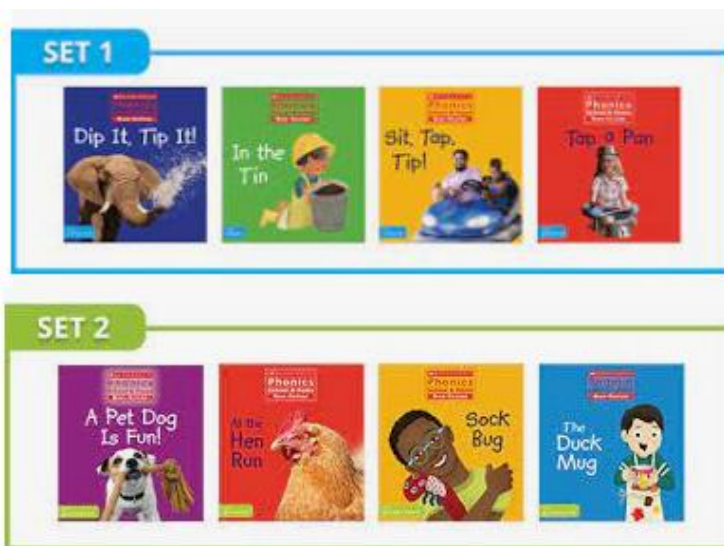
## Popular Novels : Grade 4/5 – 2023 – Set 4

4/5

“Looking for some refreshing, newer, popular novels to offer your students for reading for pleasure? This kit contains single copy titles covering a wide variety of interests, as well as reading levels, so that there is lots of choice for students. Several of the titles are graphic novels. Most were published 2023 and found either in bookstores as “popular” titles or received excellent reviews in the reviewing journals.”

*\*This kit is in circulation so just a FYI here. Several HiLo titles from 2023 included.*

## Scholastic Phonics School & Home Non-fiction Sets 1 and 2



“These structured books help students apply their decoding skills and focus on different phonemes to foster fluency, as each book systematically introduces letters



and sounds. The books follow a natural progression of phonetic sounds and builds on previous learning, while engaging young readers with exciting pictures and artwork of people, animals and things from around the world.” This kit contains 8 different titles, with four copies of each. Set 1 covers graphemes: s, a, t, p, l, n, m and d. Set 2 covers: g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b f and l.”

<https://education.scholastic.ca/productlist/SCHOLASTIC-PHONICS-SCHOOL-AND-HOME>

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### Scholastic Phonics School & Home Non-fiction Sets 3 and 4



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*\*2 copies (1 on display, 1 in circulation)*

### Scholastic Phonics School & Home Non-fiction Sets 5 and 6



This kit contains four copies of four titles in Set 5 (focus: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo and oo) and 4 copies of 4 titles in Set 6 (focus: ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, and er)

*\*2 copies (1 on display and 1 in circulation)*

## Scholastic Phonics School & Home Non-fiction Sets 7 and 8



This kit contains four copies of four titles in Set 7 (focus: adjacent consonants with short vowels) and 4 copies of 4 titles in Set 8 (focus: adjacent consonants with Phase 3 long vowels)

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## Scholastic Decodable Cards: Short Vowels & More



“Inside you'll find dozens of laminated cards that target and teach must-know concepts including short a, e, i, o, u, and more. The front of each card introduces the skill focus while the back challenges kids to read a literacy-boosting decodable story. Includes five copies of each card to facilitate group learning and a complete teaching guide.”

<https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/en/-decodable-cards%3A-short-vowels-%26amp%3B-more-/3594357-cec-a.html>

*\*2 copies (1 on display, 1 in circulation)*

## Scholastic Decodable Cards: Long Vowels & More



“Inside, you'll find dozens of laminated cards that target and teach must-know concepts including long a, e, i, o, u, vowel pairs, and more. The front of each card introduces the skill focus while the back challenges kids to read a literacy-boosting decodable story. Includes five copies of each card to facilitate group learning and a complete teaching guide.”

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### Scholastic Decodable Cards: Advanced Phonics Concepts



“Inside this sturdy box, you'll find dozens of laminated cards that target and teach must-know concepts including blends, digraphs, vowel pairs, variant vowels, plurals, and more. The front of the cards introduces the skill focus, while the back challenge kids to read a just-right decodable story. Includes five copies of each card to facilitate group learning and a complete teaching guide.”

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### TwERL Phonics: Go! Develop (2) : Mini Kit for Individual Reading



#### Level Four



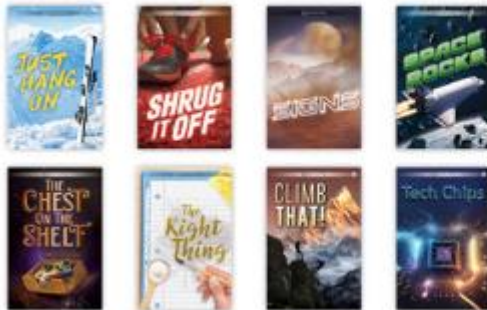
Cranes Interior Sample

#### Level Five



The Plant Interior Sample

#### Level Six



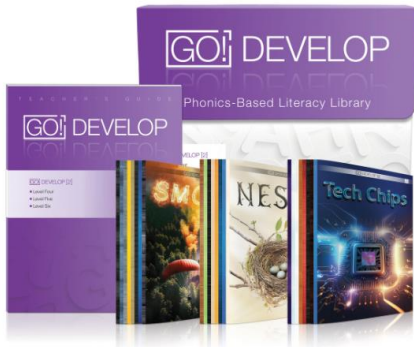
Climb That Interior Sample

“TwERL Phonics has been developed specifically for emerging tween readers who are developing their decoding skills. Written at emergent and beginning reader levels, the books have been carefully controlled to showcase phonics skills, beginning with CVC words and progressing through long vowels, controlled vowels, digraphs, and multisyllabic words. This is the second level in the TwERL Phonics series, covering levels 4,5 and 6, with reading levels increasing from 0.9 to 1.3. Accompanied by dynamic full-color photos, the engaging storylines are teen-centric and represent a wide variety of genres. Each level features eight 16-page books, six fiction and two non-fiction. Each book also includes a Word List, containing used sight words and organized by phonics skills. Vocabulary-building words are also highlighted in the text. 1 copy of each of the 24 titles for individual reading.”

*\*2 copies, both in circulation*

*\*Note: The third and final level of this series is coming out in the next few months and has been pre-ordered.*

## **TwERL Phonics: Go! Develop (2) : High Interest Decodable Books for Intermediate Students**

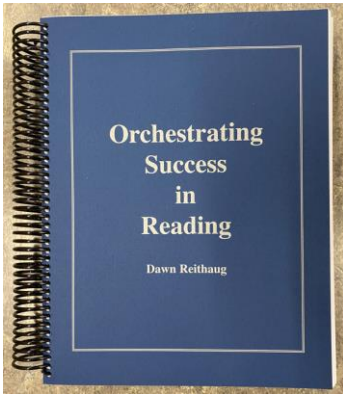


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*\*2 copies, already in circulation.*

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## **Orchestrating Success in Reading**



This teacher friendly book focuses on research-based assessment strategies and teaching strategies for Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehending Text. It contains blackline masters for all the assessment resources and recording sheets, that the individual purchaser is permitted to copy. A great resource to support RTI (Response to Intervention.)

*\*2 copies, 1 on display and 1 in circulation*

**\*The LRC has 2 copies of a similar resource for Kindergarten, by Miriam Trehearne**



**Kindergarten teacher's resource book**

[Details](#)



Call #: PL 372.6 TRE Trehearne, Miriam.

Published 2000

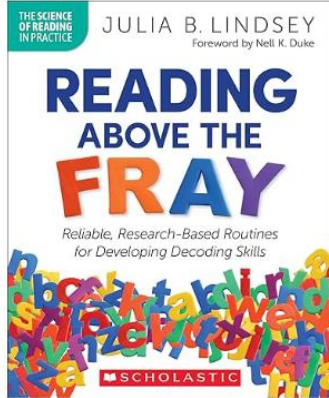
Interest Level: Professional

**Miriam Trehearne has other titles:**

Comprehensive Literacy Resource for Preschool Teachers  
Comprehensive Literacy Resource for Kindergarten Teachers  
Comprehensive Literacy Resource for Grade 1-2 Teachers  
Comprehensive Literacy Resource for Grades 3-6 Teachers  
Learning to Write and Loving It

If you are interested in the LRC purchasing any of these titles, please let me know.

**Reading Above the Fray**



“Dr. Julia B. Lindsey’s evidence-based routines help young readers decode words efficiently so they can spend more energy on comprehending-and enjoying-what they read! You’ll find:

1. Need-to-know essentials of how kids learn to read.
2. Principles of high-quality foundational skills instruction.
3. Teacher-approved instructional "swaps" to improve early reading instruction.

Dr. Lindsey addresses content learning, culturally responsive practices, and the importance of engaging readers from the start.” – Scholastic

*\*2 copies (1 on display, 1 in circulation)*

## Tactile Phonetic Word Building



“This kit provides a **tactile**, sensory approach to building simple words, such as CVC words. Phonemes/graphemes can be manipulated at the beginning, middle or ending of words to change the words, i.e., cat becomes bat, or sit becomes sat. Each of the two letter trays has a plastic insert to practice forming the letters or writing the words made, using dry erase markers. A sand tray has also been added to form the letters with fingers. For phonemic awareness, practice the words orally first, i.e., segmenting and blending sounds, before moving to the letters.”

**A huge shout out to Steve Claassen for contributing his wood working skills to this kit.**

*\*1 copy on display*

## Invitation to Play (Great for oral and written storytelling!)

### Invitation to Play : Amazon and South America Habitat Exploration



This kit includes beautiful wooden trees and animals that live in the Amazon rainforest and South America, the majority created by Wooden Caterpillar. A highlight of the kit is a large Amazonian tree with inserts for seven animals. The items provide students with the opportunity to set up a habitat scene, create stories, be inspired to generate inquiry questions, or use their unique imaginations to surprise you.

### Invitation to Play : Forest Habitat – Set 1





This kit contains a huge selection of beautiful wooden forest animals, created by Wooden Caterpillar Toys, for students to choose from. Wooden trees and landscape features have also been included for students to create a Canadian forest habitat and explore the interconnectedness of the animals to each other and the land. Through play-based exploration with the items, inquiry questions can be generated and imaginative stories created.

### Invitation to Play : Forest Habitat – Set 2



This kit is similar to the one above but contains some different items.

### Invitation to Play : Mini Fairy and Gnome World in Felt





This kit contains beautiful, unique felt mats, plants, animals and fairies, including finger puppets, to create imaginative scenes and stories.

### Invitation to Play : Moon Phases, Astronauts and Aliens



This kit contains a variety of items to inspire space-related creative play, prompt inquiry questions as well as generate story ideas: a wooden lunar base for matching phases of the moon peggles, 3 different double-sided space bases to go with the wooden astronaut, rocket and alien peggles, and story stones for the planets, outer space and alien play.

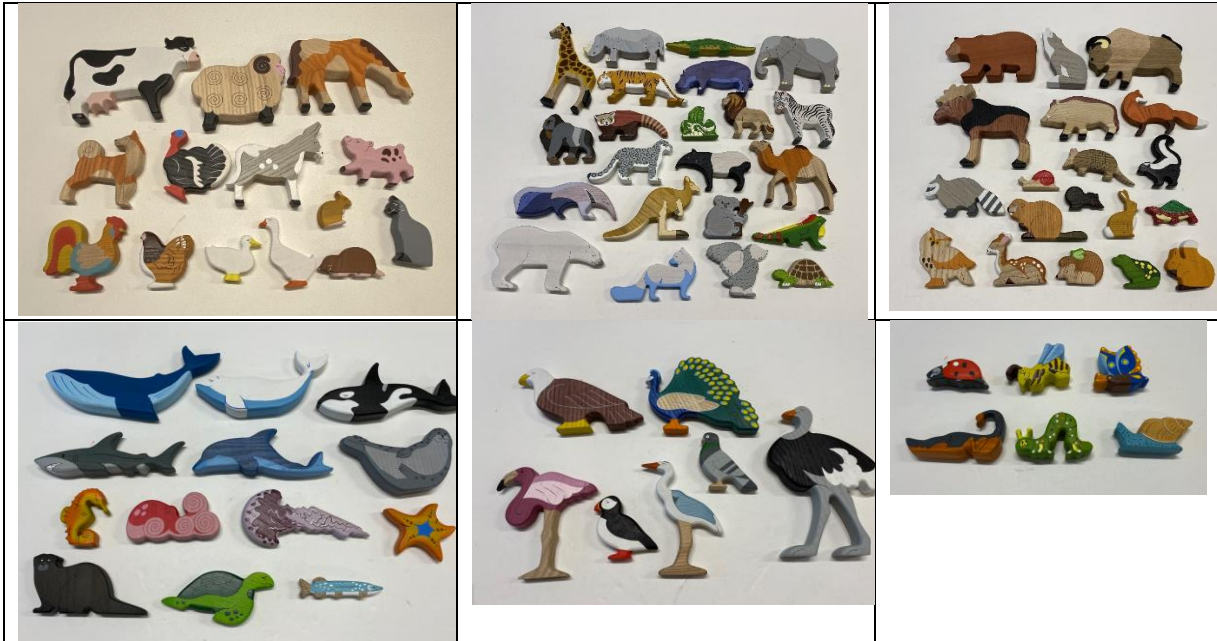
### Invitation to Play : World of Tiny Forest Critters



This kit contains a huge selection of tiny critters that live in the forest, made of felt, accompanied a felt mat, trees, flowers, beehive, log etc. Students can create a Canadian forest scene and explore the interconnectedness of the animals to each

other and the land. Through play-based exploration with the items, inquiry questions can be generated and imaginative stories created.

## Play Enhancement : Animals, Animals, Animals



The 81 beautiful wooden animals in this kit, from Wooden Caterpillar, are intended to enhance the play opportunities for your students as they integrate them into your classroom resources, i.e., block centre, drama centre, etc. Animal groups include woodland animals, farm animals, water animals, wild animals, and birds and insects. Students can also sort the animals according to their characteristics, habitats, etc. A few extra wooden bushes, trees, fences and a pond have also been included.

## Storytelling Play

### Storytelling Play : Help! A Story of Friendship



This kit contains two sets of different resources (finger puppets and a forest platform) and wooden characters and platform, both surrounded by felt pine trees, to retell the charming story of “Help! A Story of Friendship” by Molly Keller.

### Storytelling Play : Little Red Riding Hood



This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of *Little Red Riding Hood* using a variety of resources: puppets, wooden characters and props, story stones, wooden story spoons, a red cape and wolf mask, and large felt story pieces. If you need a **felt board**, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

### Storytelling play : Old MacDonald Had a Farm

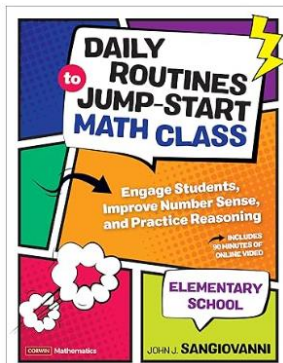




This kit contains a variety of hands-on resources to retell the story of *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* using a variety of items: wooden farm truck, wooden animals, wooden story spoons, story stones, finger puppets and felt story pieces. If you need a felt board, two are available to borrow from the LRC.

## Numeracy

### Daily Routines to Jump-start Math Class, Elementary School : Engage Students, Improve Number Sense, and Practice Reasoning

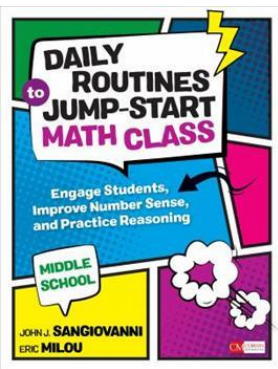


“Do your students need more practice to develop number sense and reasoning? Are you looking to engage your students with activities that are uncomplicated, worthwhile, and doable? Have you had success with number talks but your students crave more variety? Have you ever thought, "What can I do differently?"

Swap out traditional warmup practices and captivate your elementary students with these new, innovative, and ready-to-go routines.”

*\*2 copies, both in circulation*

### **Daily Routines to Jump-start Math class : Engage students, Improve Number Sense, and Practice Reasoning – Middle School**



"Too often, middle school and high school teachers say, 'These students are lacking number sense.' These books will help secondary teachers with good pedagogy to help build number sense in a creative way. John SanGiovanni and Eric Milou have created short routines that are teacher-friendly, with lots of examples, and easy to adapt to each teacher's needs. These are the books that secondary teachers have been waiting for to help engage students in building number sense."

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### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Finch Robot 2.0 (single robot)**



"A robot designed to grow with students. From icon- and block-based coding to advanced text-based programming, the Finch is a tool for elementary school, AP computer science, and every class in between. This low floor, high ceiling tool includes materials designed for teachers who are new to coding so they can meet the

needs of students at all experience levels. 7+ hours of battery life, pen mount, and plastic brick adapter.”

*\*3 copies, interested TLs and IT reps were given priority booking but there is still some availability. I have asked them for feedback to determine if this bot would be a good one to add to our class fleet.*