

New Resources September 24, 2024

Hello:

Below are some new/newer kits that were processed in June, August and September. The availability is listed below each as of the time of typing this list. If a kit is available for less than the 6-week loan period, you will have to manually put in the end date. If a kit is fully booked, be sure to add it to one of your personal Resource Lists to remember to book it next August.

Some existing kits have been reworked to better serve you, in response to a survey that went out at the end of last year. They have been listed here as well.

Alexis Rekdal and I would appreciate the input of Intermediate Teachers as to how the LRC can best serve the Literacy needs of their students. Many kits have been added to the collection for this purpose over the last few years, but we wish the collection to be as responsive as possible so seek your input. Be sure to check out two series that are great for Intermediate students who need to increase their phonics skills: TwERL Phonics and the Tween Emergent Readers. Click [here](#) for a list of the LRC kits for them. Click [here](#) for a great chart Alexis made to show how a student would progress through them.

The French Collection will also be a focus this year, in a collaboration between the LRC, Beth Peddle (Modern Languages Coordinator), Kim Marks (TL at Puntledge) and Emily Pontus (TL at Robb Road.) French Immersion teachers; stay tuned!

Lesley Johnson, TL at Valley View and our CDTA Pro-D Chair, is working one day a week at the LRC this year to update the Official Science Kit Guides, which currently have inactive links, both in the online guides in learn71, as well on the online Science Curriculum pages. Thanks, Lesley! Starsa and I are working on updating the physical items in these kits.

Coming next month? Primary and Intermediate Math game kits, and professional math books, recommended by Serina Allison. Are you an Intermediate teacher that has suggestions for LRC Intermediate Math kits? Be sure to let us know. Check out the “Hands-on Equations: Introduction to Algebraic Linear Equations, Grade 3 and Up” recommended by an Intermediate teacher last spring.

Enjoy!

Joan, Starsa and Helena.

	<p>Shake, Rattle and Roll Earthquake Board The first part of this complete unit describes how to use a Slinky® spring to demonstrate four types of seismic waves:</p>
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primary, secondary, Raleigh, and L-waves. Students then place their towering toothpick or popsicle stick structures onto the board and create “quakes” of gradually increasing magnitude to test the durability of their designs. Teacher Ric Parlier developed this board. Try using a base isolator, these isolators are developed by engineers as life and property-saving devices for earthquake-prone regions to make structures less rigid when an earthquake hits. This new and improved base isolator is now reusable and features Velcro®. This board accompanies the new Shake, Rattle, and Roll Earthquake Board and works with the original model. The board is for grades six through nine.

Availability: Sept. 24 to June 13



SORA: Supersonic Phonics & Other Decodable ebooks

Last February, we got a 6-month subscription to the Supersonic Phonics collection. It was too expensive to renew this fall, so copies of the titles were purchased that we will own forever in our Sora Collection. They are one copy/one user at a time, and as demand increases extra copies will be purchased. **The Jump! Decodable Readers** will be added to this collection this week. Need help with this? Contact your friendly neighbourhood TL!

Supersonic Phonics
Decodable Leveled Readers

DECODABLES
BY **jump!**



Jille Readers

Do you have students with sufficient code to embark on professionally scaffolded levelled readers? The Jille readers, which are a collection of attractive fiction and non-fiction readers, have been **reorganized**, so that each kit you sign out now contains three different sequential levels, instead of one level. Several titles are included with multiple copies of each. This series used to be called "Key Links."

Availability: We have several copies of each kit.



PM Benchmark Readers

Similar to the Jille readers, these professionally scaffolded levelled readers have been **reorganized** so that each kit contains three different sequential levels, with several copies of the different titles.

Teachers who responded to the survey requested the number of levels in each kit be increased and this has been done.

Availability: Wee have several copies of each kit.

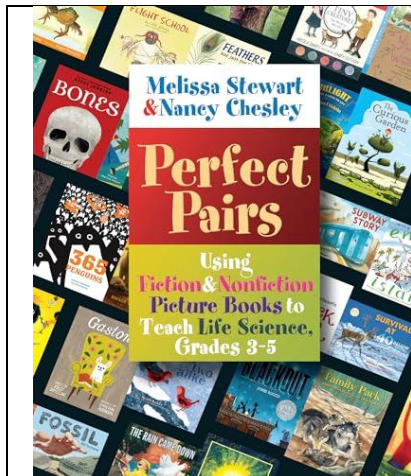
Biology Mini Lessons

The "Biology Mini Lessons" kits below have been reorganized. Formally, each kit contained one lesson (outlined in the book "Perfect Pairs") and one fiction and non-fiction picture book to complete the lesson. Now, the picture books for six different lessons from "Perfect Pairs" have been included, grouped by theme.

Biology Mini Lessons: Animal Adaptations and Survival

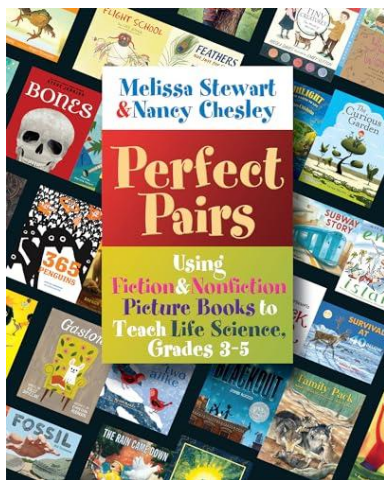
Grades 3-6 (Series: Perfect Pairs: Using fiction and non-fiction books to teach life sciences)

Combining six mini lessons from Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, Grades 3-5, students learn about animal adaptations and survival. Each lesson is built around a pair of award-winning trade picture books. After extracting critical content from the books, students participate in an inquiry-based investigative



process to explore key life science concepts—from ways plants and animals depend on their internal and external body parts to how food webs work, from inheritance of traits to the role of natural resources in our lives. Even if you are science shy, Perfect Pairs will help you create a classroom that buzzes with curious students eager to explore the natural world.

Availability: Booked all year.

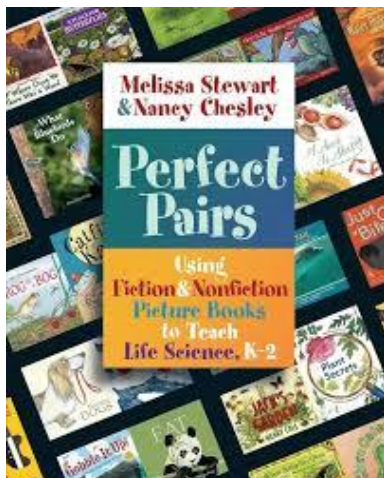


Biology Mini Lessons: Environments and Impacts on Them

Grades 3-6 (Series: Perfect Pairs: Using fiction and non-fiction books to teach life sciences)

With the six different lessons from Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Non-fiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, Grades 3-5, students learn about environments and impacts on them, both human caused and those naturally occurring. As well, they learn how creatures, and people, survive and adapt within these environments. Each lesson is built around a pair of award-winning trade picture books. After extracting critical content from the books, students participate in an inquiry-based investigative process to explore key life science concepts.

Oct. 29 to June 13



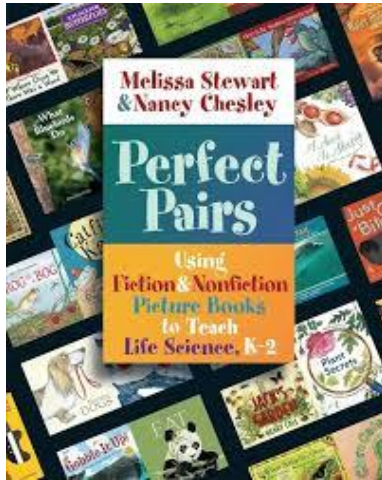
Biology Mini Lessons: Environments and Human Impact

K-2. Series: Perfect pairs: Using fiction and nonfiction books to teach life science

With six lessons from Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, K-2, students participate in an inquiry-based investigative process to explore key life science concepts—from animal/environment interactions to the role of structure in plant and animal survival, from inheritance of traits to

variation of species. Each lesson is anchored with an award-winning fiction and nonfiction picture book.

Availability: Nov. 26 to March 14.



Biology Mini Lessons: Plant and Animal Growth and Survival

K-2. Series: Perfect pairs: Using fiction and nonfiction books to teach life science

With six lessons from Perfect Pairs: Using Fiction & Nonfiction Picture Books to Teach Life Science, K-2, students learn about plant and animal growth and survival. Perfect Pairs mini lessons are built around a pair of award-winning trade picture books. After extracting critical content from the books, students participate in an inquiry-based investigative process to explore key life science concepts.

Availability: Oct. 22 to Dec. 13



Board and Card Games Collection

This kit includes a wide variety of board games and card games that help develop collaboration skills, math skills, and thinking strategy skills. Great for both upper primary and intermediate.

Availability: Nov. 12 to June 13.



Board Games: Chinese Checkers

This kit includes a wide variety of board games and card games that help develop collaboration skills, math skills, and thinking strategy skills. Great for both upper primary and intermediate.

Sept. 24 to Oct. 29, Mar. 4 to June 13.



Board Games: Cribbage / Jeu de cribble

This kit includes 15 wooden Cribbage sets to provide flexibility in playing in pairs or groups of three. Cribbage is a game of numbers, and players collect points by combining cards together to make runs or scoring combinations. It is a game of strategy and tactics in that sometimes you try to score points and other times you try to prevent your opponent(s) from scoring. Think of the collaboration skills, math skills and thinking strategy skills required. Great for both upper primary and intermediate.

Availability: Mar. 11 to June 13.



Old Fashioned Wooden Toys, gr. 1-6

This kit contains a wide variety of “old fashioned” wooden toys, that challenge students’ strategic thinking skills, fine motor skills and cooperative play skills (Jenga, tic tac toe, upright tic tac toe, pick up sticks, spinning tops and bases for battles, yo-yos, ball and cup toss, and Tetris-like puzzles. Some of these are harder to play than they appear!

Availability: Sept. 24 to Nov. 5, Jan. 21 to June 13

Invitation to Play: Grimm’s World: Cloud, Desert and Polar Play Blocks

This kit contains 3 sets of Grimm’s colourful unique world building block sets: 'Building world cloud play', 'Building world desert sand', and 'Building world polar light'. The unique shapes of these blocks and the accompanying six wooden peg people provide students with lots of opportunities to mix and match to create different worlds.



Availability: May 13 to June 13.



Imaginative Play: Picnic and Camping Fun

This kit provides your students with the resources they need to set up an imaginative outdoor picnic or camping scene, for creative, imaginative play: a large felt log fire set; a picnic blanket, picnic plates/cups/utensil sets, wooden food, a picnic basket, a wooden barbeque to cook on, a lantern, etc.

Availability: Nov. 26 to Feb. 18. (Many more items than in the photo.)



Imaginative Play: Have a Tea Party!

This kit provides your students with the resources they need to set up an imaginative 'tea party' for creative, imaginative, collaborative play: a porcelain tea set, a variety of accompanying dolls, wooden dessert foods, tablecloths, gold crowns and wands, etc.



Availability: Apr. 1 to June 13.



Imaginative Play: Dolls for All

This kit contains a variety of diverse dolls and doll accessories to appeal to all.

Availability: Mar. 11 to June 13. (Many more items than in the photo.)



Imaginative Play: Costume Collection

This kit contains a large selection of gorgeous costumes to suit all interests. Clips have been included to clip off the length of costumes if needed.



Availability: Nov. 5 to Dec. 13, Feb. 11 to June 13. (More items than in the photos.)

Imaginative Play: Cooking up a Storm!



This kit provides your students with the resources they need to set up an imaginative play in the kitchen: a large wooden stove/oven (2 feet tall), aprons, miniature set of metal pots and pans, wooden place settings and wooden food.

Too many photos to include! Pick and choose the items to use!

Availability: This kit will be fully processed by the end of next week, when you will be able to book it. Until then, while it is processing waiting for the last few items to arrive, the calendars will all be red.



Coming soon! Classroom Library Enhancement Kits

New popular novel/non-fiction classroom collections for Grades 1-3, Grade 3/4 Grade 4/5, Grade 5/6 and 6/7 are coming soon. Be sure to check out the new LRC Resource List for "Classroom Library Enhancement Kits" where these

new kits will be added when they are processed. This LRC Resource List was suggested by Alexis Rekdal as a way to support classroom teachers to easily find resources to enhance their classroom collections. These new kits will be titled "Classroom Library." Similar kits made earlier are titled "Popular Novel" kits.



Best Picture Books in 2024 – Set 1

This kit contains picture books published in 2024 that received excellent reviews and appeal to children. They cover a wide variety of themes from social emotional learning to outdoor education. Enjoy selecting and reading the titles that will generate great discussions during circle time, science lessons, or word choice/vocabulary etc. during literacy lessons.

Availability: Sept. 24 to June 13 (just processed)
*Added to the LRC Resource List, "Classroom Library Enhancement" kits.



Best Picture Books in 2024 – Set 2

This kit contains picture books published in 2024 that received excellent reviews and appeal to children. They cover a wide variety of themes from social emotional learning to outdoor education. Enjoy selecting and reading the titles that will generate great discussions during circle time, science lessons, or word choice/vocabulary etc. during literacy lessons.

Availability: Jan. 7 to June 13. (just processed)
*Added to the LRC Resource List, "Classroom Library Enhancement" kits.



Storytelling Play: The Paper Bag Princess Set 1

This kit contains a variety of wooden props to recreate/retell Robert Munsch's beloved story, 'The paper bag princess', including a block castle and characters. Remove the "foliage" from the wooden trees and the scene is set for when the dragon breathes fire!

Availability: Oct. 29 to Jan. 14.



Storytelling Play: The Paper Bag Princess Set 2

This kit contains a variety of felt and fabric props to recreate/retell Robert Munsch's beloved story, The Paper Bag Princess: gorgeous costumes with crowns, shields and swords; puppets, dolls and more!

Availability: Oct. 15 to June 13

