The Booklist Project

Focus: Ann Morris-Author Study
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Author’s Biography:

Before Ann Morris became an award-winning author, she was a teacher. She taught children in public and private schools in the United States and as a Fulbright exchange teacher in England. She also taught undergrad teachers at Queens College of the City University of New York, Kean College, N.J., Bank Street College and William Paterson University.

Ann Morris’ interests include- children, the arts, traveling, education and food. These interests are apparent through her books. She has traveled all over the world and has met many wonderful and interesting people. As a result, she had written over 80 children books, which have been published in the United States, Britain, France, Italy, South Africa and Finland.

http://www.annmorrisbooks.com/

[ISBN 0-382-24759-0]

This book is about an early childhood classroom made up of six year olds. In this book the students share information about their classroom, their teacher, their class pets and the various activities they conduct in school (reading, counting, playing, etc.) This is a great book for ELLs because they are able to relate to the classroom setting described and the wonderful photographs displayed in the text.

WIDA: Beginning

Reading Level: K

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover


This book is about three sisters; Suzanne, Yasmine and Sarah. This book describes the relationship that these young girls have with their Arabic grandparents. Throughout the
book the girls talk about various family traditions; special holidays, family recipes and family artifacts. The girls have a wonderful relationship with their grandparents and it shows through the beautiful photographs shown in this book. This is a great book for ELLs because many of them can relate to the relationship that these girls have with their grandparents and the many family traditions displayed in this text.

WIDA: Developing/ Expanding

Reading Level: 4.4

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover


[ISBN 0-688-10169-0]

This book is about the various types of homes that exist all over the world. Homes that are built for families, homes for one person, homes built out of clay, straw homes, homes that move and homes that stay in one place. The moral of this story is that no matter where you live in, if you fill it with love you can make it a home. This is a great book for ELLs because they can relate to one type of home shown in this book; whether it is the home they currently live in or the home they lived in before they moved to the United States.

WIDA: Developing

Reading Level: 2

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

Lesson Plans:

http://www.southasiaoutreach.wisc.edu/elementary/house.htm

http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit207/lesson1.html

[ISBN 0-688-17199-0]

This book is about the various types of families that exist all over the world. The children in this book live with their mom and dad, grandparents, aunts and uncles, foster parents, single parents or their adopted parents. The main idea that students can gather from this book is that no matter what kind of family you come from you are loved. This is a great book for ELLs because they are able to relate to one type of family described in the text.

WIDA: Beginning

Reading Level: 1

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

Lesson Plans:

http://www.slideshare.net/daohoanu/lesson-plan-october-7-2009

http://www.pointpark.edu/Academics/Schools/SchoolofArtsandSciences/Departments/Education/ProjectChildrenLEAD/Curriculum/LessonPlans/FamiliesandNeighbo/Familiesandneigh4

This book is about how important parents are to children. Parents take care of their
children by making sure they are well taken care of, teach them new things, play with them
and listen to what they have to say. This book is a great representation of unconditional
love. This is a great book for ELLs because they can relate to the relationship between
parent and child.

WIDA: Developing
Reading Level: 2
Available In: Paperback and Hardcover
Lesson Plans:
http://www.uen.org/Lessonplan/preview.cgi?LPid=5651


This book is about people all over the world that work hard. This book explains how all
types of people work; moms, dads, children, etc. Also, how hard work can make you feel
tired but can also make you feel good about yourself. This is a great book for ELLs because
it makes them appreciate their parents and how hard they work to make a living for their
family.

WIDA: Developing
Reading Level: 2
Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

[ISBN 0688-06336-5]

This book is about how people all over the world are constantly on the go! People all over the world get from one place to another in various ways: car, boat, bike, horse, camel, bus, by foot, etc. This book is great for ELLs because they are able to relate to some form of transportation.

WIDA: Beginning/Developing

Reading Level: 2

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

Lesson Plans:


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This book is about the various types of shoes that are worn all around the world. This book discusses the countless types of activities that are done while wearing these various types of shoes; walking, playing, dancing, riding, etc. Readers will be amazed by how many types of shoes exist and how different shoes look from country to country. This is a good book for ELLs because they are able to relate to one or more types of shoes displayed in this text. They may also recognize shoes worn in their own country.

WIDA: Beginning/Developing

Reading Level: 2

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

Lesson Plans:

http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/activity-plan-3-4-learning-our-shoes


[ISBN 0-688-06338-1]

This book is about different kinds of hats that are worn all over the world. This book explains how hats are not only worn to look nice, but hats are also worn during work and play. This book not only shows different types of hats, but also the various types of people that wear hats (i.e. children, adults, babies, elderly, etc.). This book would be great for ELLs because they can relate to one or more types of hats displayed in this book. It could be types of hats they wear, hats their family members wear or hats worn by people from their homeland.

WIDA: Beginning/Developing

Reading Level: 1

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover


This book is about how important bread is to all cultures. People all over the world eat bread. The one thing you will notice in this text is how different bread can look from country to country. Bread comes in all shapes, colors and sizes; just like the people in the photographs shown in this book. No matter what part of the world you come from bread can be broken with family and friends any time of day. This is a great book for ELLs because they can relate to one or more types of bread shown in this text. Bread that they enjoy at home in the United States and bread that they enjoy from the country they came from.

WIDA: Beginning/Developing

Reading Level: 2

Available In: Paperback and Hardcover

Lesson Plans:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/kids/lessonplans/chap91.shtm


http://teachersnetwork.org/ntol/howto/eslclass/breadlesplan.htm
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