



## **Classroom Libraries**

## ***SRA/Open Court Reading*** **Leveled Readers Provide Practice and Insight**

***Open Court Reading Classroom Library*** provide **leveled readers** for reading practice and add background knowledge to the Thematic Learning Units for Grades K-6.

For each grade level, these **trade books** (or **leveled readers**) are specifically chosen to meet the different reading needs of all students in your class, including those students reading significantly below or above grade level. These **Leveled Readers** will add a new dimension of thought and deepen the concept of each unit theme.

### **Pre-Decodable and Decodable Books Provide Practice Resulting in Fluent Reading of Anthologies and Leveled Readers**

**Pre-Decodable Books**, many words written in Rebus, offer Kindergarten students a successful format for practicing beginning reading skills. They also help children learn the conventions of print necessary for becoming comfortable with the act of reading.

**Decodable Books** allow students to practice the blending strategies and sounds introduced in the lessons that are necessary for figuring out unfamiliar words and reading fluently. Fluent readers are able to read words automatically so they can focus on comprehension, the true goal of reading.

Practice using **Pre-Decodable** and **Decodable** books, when paired with systematic instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics, provides students with the skills needed to successfully read the **authentic literature** found in the ***Open Court Reading Anthologies, Classroom Libraries, and Bibliographies.***

### **Leveled Readers Provide Opportunity for Appropriate Practice**

Using the **leveled readers**, students discover other dimensions of the unit themes by reading and discussing one or more of these award-winning trade books. **Leveled readers** found in the ***Open Court Reading Classroom Libraries*** are listed in the **Unit Overview**. Bibliographies are listed at the end of each unit of the ***Open Court Reading Teacher Editions*** at each grade level. A brief description of each book and tips for reading and discussing these books are provided.

For each grade level, the Leveled Readers are designated:

- *Easy*—trade book may be up to one year below grade level
- *Average*—trade book is basically on grade level
- *Advanced*—trade book may be up to one year above grade level

## **Grade K**

### **Classroom Library**

#### **School – Unit 1**

*Mouse Views: What the Class Pet Saw* – Easy  
*The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School* – Easy  
*Billy and the Big New School* – Average  
*Vera's First Day of School* – Average  
*Bea and Mr. Jones* – Advanced  
*The Kissing Hand* – Advanced

#### **Shadows – Unit 2**

*Footprints and Shadows* – Easy  
*Shadows are About* – Easy  
*I Have a Friend* – Average  
*My Shadow* – Average  
*What Makes Day and Night?* – Advanced  
*Sun Up, Sun Down* – Advanced

#### **Finding Friends – Unit 3**

*My Friends* – Easy  
*Yo! Yes!* – Easy  
*Will You Be My Friend?* – Average  
*George and Martha One Fine Day* – Average  
*Friends* – Advanced  
*May I Bring a Friend?* – Advanced

#### **The Wind – Unit 4**

*The Wind Blew* – Easy  
*One Windy Wednesday* – Easy  
*The Sun, the Wind, and the Rain* – Average  
*What Makes the Wind?* – Average  
*Millicent and the Wind* – Advanced  
*Feel the Wind* – Advanced

#### **Stick to It – Unit 5**

*The Carrot Seed* – Easy  
*Leo the Late Bloomer* – Easy  
*You'll Soon Grow into Them, Titch* – Average  
*JoJo's Flying Side Kick* – Average  
*Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale* – Advanced  
*Liang and the Magic Paintbrush* – Advanced

#### **Red, White, and Blue – Unit 6**

*The Pledge of Allegiance* – Easy  
*'Night, America* – Easy  
*This Land is Your Land* – Average  
*Happy Birthday, America!* – Average  
*The Flag We Love* – Advanced  
*Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers* – Advanced

#### **Teamwork – Unit 7**

*Can I Help?* – Easy  
*Animal Orchestra* – Easy  
*Tippy Bear Hunts for Honey* – Average  
*Helping Out* – Average  
*Stone Soup* – Advanced  
*The Great Trash Bash* – Advanced

#### **By the Sea – Unit 8**

*Oceans* – Easy  
*In the Ocean* – Easy  
*Tacky the Penguin* – Average  
*Fish Faces* – Average  
*The Seashore Book* – Advanced  
*Commotion in the Ocean* – Advanced

