Texas Focus: Learning From Near to Far
Read Any Good Books Lately? Using APH Trade Books

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“Read Any Good Books Lately?”
Early Braille Trade Books

THE PROBLEM
Finding enough books for emergent braille readers. Teachers need:

- Books that include familiar concepts
- Stories at an appropriate level for instructional & independent reading (vocabulary & comprehension)
- Books that are not too picture-dependent
- Stories that are interesting and engaging

THE SOLUTION?
APH Early Braille Trade Books
This project was based on feedback from APH customers and focus group participants
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WHAT ARE EARLY TRADE BOOKS/LEVELED BOOKS?

Early trade books/leveled books are:

- Used with beginning readers to engage in guided reading with teachers
- Chosen for children based on their stage of reading development
- Used with running records to monitor progress in reading
- Includes small and engaging books, available in many topics; can be fiction or nonfiction

HOW DO TEACHERS USE LEVELED BOOKS?

- Teacher introduces book, elicits prior knowledge and builds background
- Teacher and student read the book together
- Set goals for reading
- Teacher and student discuss the book together
- Making connections and developing strategies
- “working with words,” vocabulary development, and word identification
- Comprehending & self-reflection
EARLY BRAILLE TRADE BOOKS

Started with 1st grade level (Sunshine Books)

Examined books for:

- Theme & connection to ECC
- Vowel & consonant sounds used
- Contractions used
- Content & concepts
- Picture dependent vs. picture support

Field Tested in 2008-2009 school year
Used with 22 students at 15 different sites
Website modified based on evaluations
Additional Books selected in March of 2009
Two Sets of Books available at 1st Grade Level
Two additional nonfiction sets available in winter of 2011

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN KIT?

- Set of commercially available books
- Set of labels for each book
  Contracted braille or
  Uncontracted braille
- Access to APH website
- Information about book and activities
- Contraction count
PICTURES

Picture support
Pictures assist comprehension
Pictures confirm what child reads but may give additional info (vocabulary)
Picture dependence
Pictures provide information not given in the text, or can’t be obtained from text alone

**The level of teacher intervention is different for different kinds of books.

PICTURES & TEACHER INTERVENTION

Rubric was developed to help teachers understand the level of intervention needed with different books

Each book was given a number/letter code.

Levels 1-5, with level 1 being completely picture dependent, and Level 5 where the text is independent of the pictures
Levels a, b, or c for amount that the pictures assist with decoding.
EXAMPLES OF BOOKS FROM DIFFERENT LEVELS

My Home is High - Level 1- not included in any kit

Mr. Grump - 4c

Series of images from the book Mr. Grump follow:

Image 1 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at the lady mail carrier.

Image 2 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at the milk man.

Image 3 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at his wife.
Image 4 Mrs. Grump hugs and kisses her husband which surprises him.

Image 5 Mr. Grump smiles at the mail carrier.

Image 6 Mr. Grump smiles at the milk man.
Image 7 Mr. and Mrs. Grump laugh and dance.

Image 8 Mr. Grump jumps up and kicks his heels with a big smile on his face.
CONTRACTIONS

List of which contractions introduced for each book
Text analysis form that lists the types of contractions (e.g., whole word, part word, final letter, etc.)
Record keeping for the contractions that have been introduced
Printable form that can be used for IEP monitoring

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS!

Information available for the teacher in:

- Reading Level and Reading Recovery Level (set by publisher)
- Connection to core curriculum & ECC
- Level of teacher intervention needed
- Word count, and number & type of contractions
- Plot summary and introductory activities
- Follow-up activities

STILL MORE SUPPORTS!

Website support for teachers:

- Matches books to students by contraction level
- Searches for books by content area & ECC
- Provides student records for progress monitoring
- Allows sharing of records
Let’s visit the EBT Website
http://tech.aph.org/ebt/

Image 9 Cover of book "Word Play House"

Image 10 Braille/Print cards on a felt board group together to make words.

Image 11 Braille/Print cards on a felt board.
Word PlayHouse

Word PlayHouse helps students focus on phonics, spelling, and phonemic awareness.

Use Word PlayHouse to teach beginning phonics and reading skills including letter recognition, braille code recognition, decoding, vocabulary, and spelling skills.

INCLUDES

435 letter tiles in large print with a braille overlay and a Velcro(R) backing. Tiles include vowels, consonants, blends, diagraphs, word endings, and word families. Tiles containing contracted and uncontracted braille are included for some blends and word families to better meet the needs of students.

A bi-fold felt work board provides a working space for the student. One side can be used for working storage of letters that will be introduced during the lesson. The other side can be used as a working space for manipulating letters and building words, word families, and new spelling and vocabulary words.

A storage binder, with five Veltex(R) covered binder inserts, provides space to organize the many small pieces in the kit.

Recommended ages: 5 to 8 years.

TO ORDER

Word PlayHouse: 1-03562-00 -- $246.00

WARNING: Choking Hazard -- Small Parts. Not intended for children ages 5 and under without adult supervision.

http://shop.aph.org
Finding the right book for young students is now easier!

The Early Braille Trade Books Project combines commercially available books with braille labels for beginning readers. This kit includes books, braille labels, and access to an interactive website, please visit: http://tech.aph.org/ebt/

**FEATURES**

- Contracted or uncontracted braille labels
- Match books to a student based on braille knowledge
- The interactive website allows you to:
  - Search for books by genre, core curriculum, or expanded core curriculum
  - Access a book summary and activities designed for braille readers
  - Maintain a listing and percentage of contractions learned by each student -- great for documentation at IEP meetings
  - Share or transfer student records to other teachers

**KIT INCLUDES**

14 books and label packs:

- Along Comes Jake
- Bread
- The Cooking Pot
- Mr. Grump
- The Monkey Bridge
- Noise
- Nowhere and Nothing
Old Grizzly
Ratty-Tatty
The Seed
Spider, Spider
The Tiny Woman's Coat
What Would You Like?
Where Are You Going, Aja Rose?

Note: Customer applies the included braille labels. A user ID and password are required to access interactive website.

TO ORDER

Sunshine Kit 1:
-- Contracted Braille Kit: 3-00201-00 -- $285.00
-- Uncontracted Braille Kit: 3-00202-00 -- $285.00

REPLACEMENT ITEMS
-- Contracted Label Pack (labels only): 3-00201-CL -- $96.00
-- Uncontracted Label Pack (labels only): 3-00202-UL -- $96.00

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NEW! Early Braille Trade Books Wright Group – Sunshine(TM) Kit 2, Upper Emergent

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12 books, braille label packs, and a Quick Start Guide:

- The Big Laugh
- The Green Dragon
- Griffin, the School Cat
- The Horrible Urktar of Or
- Just Like Me
- My Feet Are Just Right
- Sione Went Fishing
- A Spinning Snake
- Trees are Special
- Yippy-Day-Yippy-Doo!
- You Can Make Skittles
- You Did It!

Note: Customer applies the included braille labels. A user ID and password are required to access interactive website.

TO ORDER
Early Braille Trade Books, Sunshine Kit 2:
- Contracted Braille Kit: 3-00203-00 -- $250.00
- Uncontracted Braille Kit: 3-00204-00 -- $250.00

Replacement Items:
- Contracted Label Pack (labels only): 3-00203-CL -- $96.00
- Uncontracted Label Pack (labels only): 3-00204-UL -- $96.00

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Figure 2 OSEP logo

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