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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
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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:

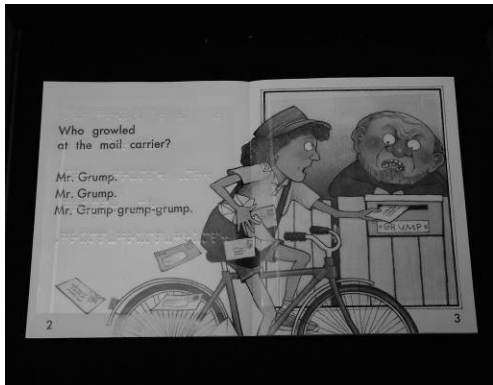


Image 1 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at the lady mail carrier.

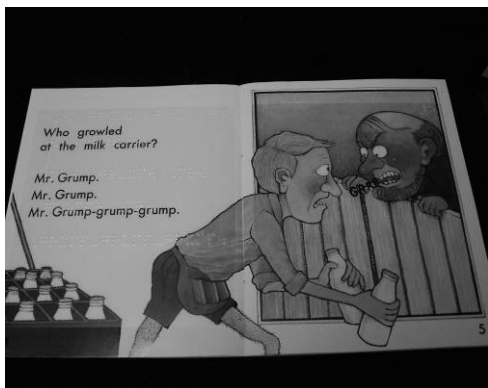


Image 2 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at the milk man.

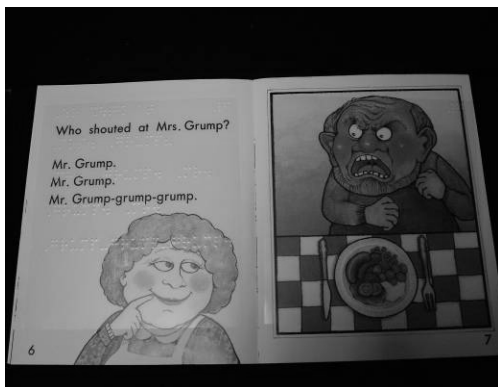


Image 3 Mr. Grump makes an angry face at his wife.

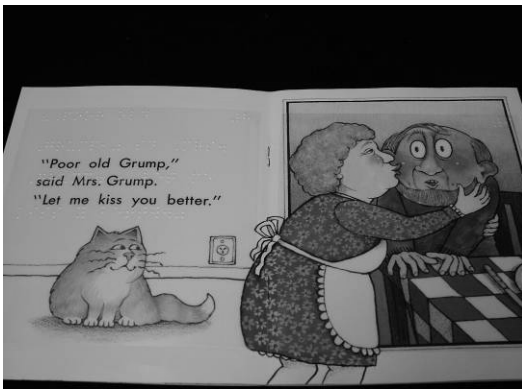


Image 4 Mrs. Grump hugs and kisses her husband which surprises him.

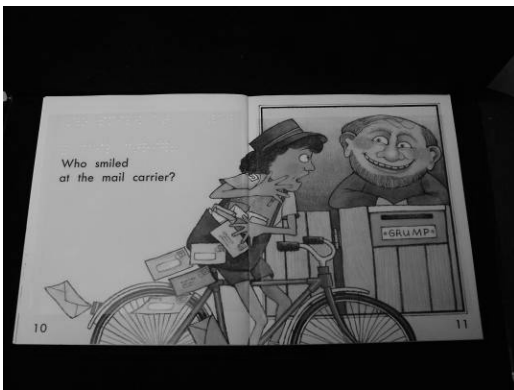


Image 5 Mr. Grump smiles at the mail carrier.

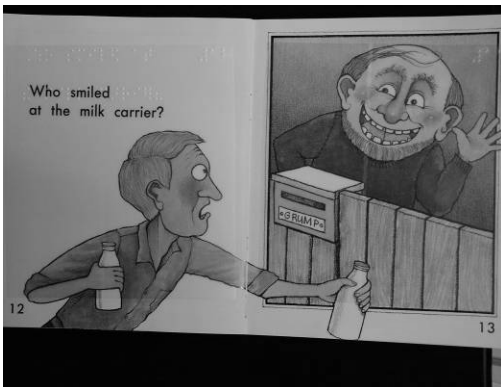


Image 6 Mr. Grump smiles at the milk man.

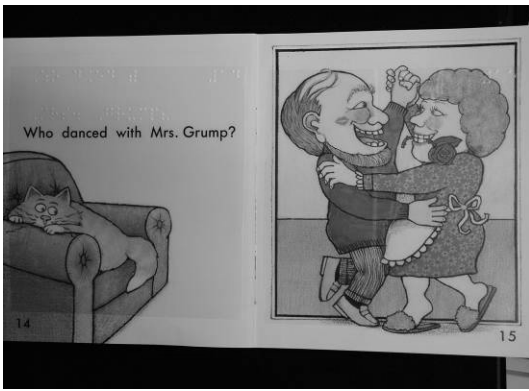


Image 7 Mr. and Mrs. Grump laugh and dance.

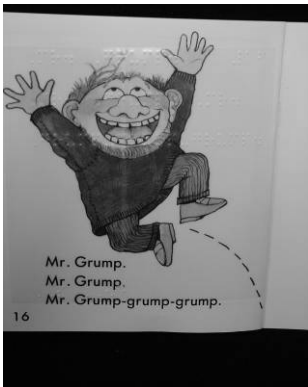


Image 8 Mr. Grump jumps up and kicks his heels with a big smile on his face.

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/>

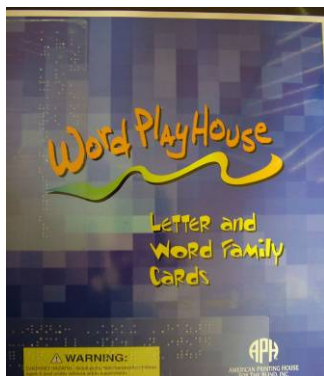


Image 9 Cover of book "Word Play House"



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

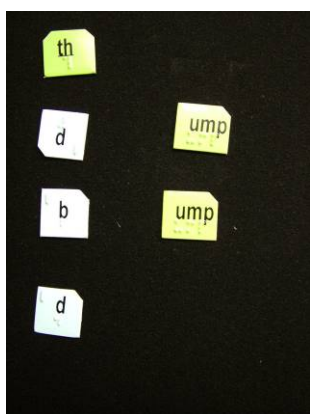


Image 11 Braille/Print cards on a felt board.

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>

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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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KIT INCLUDES

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 1 TSBVI Outreach Programs logo



Figure 2 OSEP logo

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