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## Sail Away Mem Fox Lesson Plans

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While the World is Sleeping  
Harper Collins

"The dingo pair set out to sea - their hearts were beating fast. Their boat was but a redgum log with neither sail nor mast." Follow intrepid adventurers, Skip and Nell, as they travel round Australia on their way to that boat race way out west.

*How Six Found Christmas*  
Omnibus Books

In this very special story, Wilfrid Gordon helps his 96-year-old friend, Miss Nancy, regain some of her memories. Author Mem Fox wrote Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge in the

hope of bringing children and the elderly together and it remains a modern-day classic, used in homes, classrooms and even training sessions for volunteers who work with the elderly.

Writing Lesson Level 4--Put "Said" to Bed Penguin

Incorporate writing instruction in your classroom as an essential element of literacy development while implementing best practices. Simplify the planning of writing instruction and become familiar with the Common Core State Standards of Writing.

The World Book Encyclopedia  
Teacher Created Materials

In a time long past, in a land far away, a family has suffered an unspeakable loss. But a lonely goblin has been watching. And he knows what to do to help them heal. From internationally acclaimed picture book masters Mem Fox

and Leo and Diane Dillon, here is a rich and moving original fairy tale about family, friendship, and the power compassion has to unite us all.

One Woolly Wombat Penguin

"Preschool and kindergarten educators know that strong oral language skills must be in place before children can learn to read. In *Before They Read: Teaching Language and Literacy Development through Conversations, Interactive Read-alouds, and Listening Games*, Cathy Puett Miller helps educators teach those early literacy skills with engaging games and activities that are based on her three big ideas for early literacy development: great conversations, good listening skills, and interactive read-alouds. Developed from Miller's

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successful work with families and early childhood educators around the country, *Before They Read* makes it easy to help every child move through the stages of literacy development at their own pace. Early childhood educators learn how to:

- Take advantage of the learn-through-play style of the preschool and kindergarten child.
- Play simple and effective games and activities that build core early literacy skills.

- Engage a child in the experience of reading a picture book to target essential concepts. An essential guide for childcare professionals and preschool and kindergarten teachers, *Before They Read* supports educators from the first word games throughout the journey to reading from playing with sounds through advanced phonemic awareness skills."

Writing Lesson Level 4--Connecting Ideas  
HarperCollins

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*Pirates Don't Change Diapers*  
Modern Language Association

A boy and his family endure a difficult nine-week journey across the ocean and survive the first winter at Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts.

*The Clown of God*  
Teacher Created Materials

From the illustrator of the #1 smash hit *The Day The Crayons Quit* comes a humorously warm tale of friendship. Now also an animated TV special! What is a boy to do when a lost penguin shows up at his door? Find out where it comes from, of course, and return it. But the journey to the South Pole is long and difficult in the boy's rowboat. There are storms to brave and deep, dark nights. To pass the time, the boy tells the penguin stories. Finally, they arrive. Yet instead of being happy, both are sad. That's when the boy realizes: The penguin hadn't been lost, it had merely been lonely. A poignant, funny, and child-friendly story about friendship lost . . . and then found again.

*Dirty Joe, the Pirate*  
Scholastic Inc.

*Old Lily Laceby* dozes by the fire with her faithful dog at her feet as strange night noises herald a surprising awakening.

*Night Noises*  
Candlewick Press

I can see the airport goats and I can see their cases. But can you count the pilot

goats with goggles on their faces? This hilarious count-to-ten book features goats of all shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions—and each spread gives readers a delightful opportunity to count the funny four-legged creatures. Acclaimed author Mem Fox's renowned humor and infectious rhyme merge with celebrated illustrator Jan Thomas's bold and brilliant illustrations to make this an instant goat-by-numbers classic.

*The Goblin and the Empty Chair*  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

This beautiful new edition of Tomie dePaola's 1978 classic retelling of a French legend stars a little juggler whose unique talent leads him to what might be a Christmas miracle. Little Giovanni is poor and homeless, but he can do something wonderful: he can juggle. The people of Sorrento marvel at his talents, and before long, he becomes famous throughout Italy for his rainbow of colored balls that delight the nobility and townspeople alike. But as the years pass, Giovanni grows old, and his talents begin to fail him. No longer a celebrated performer, he is once again poor and homeless, begging for his food. Until one Christmas

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Eve, when Giovanni picks up his rainbow of colored balls once more. And what happens next just might be a miracle...

Let's Count Goats!

Penguin

The dreaded Dirty Joe and his piratical crew sail in search of the smelliest treasure ever: dirty socks! The rogues cheerfully pillage their way across the seven seas, until the day they run across another band of pirates—one led by the

notorious Stinky Annie.

Has Dirty Joe finally met his match? From

Grammy Award

;winning storyteller Bill

Harley and bestselling

illustrator Jack E. Davis

comes a zany, tongue-

twisting, side-splitting

tale certain to be prized

by budding buccaneers!

Rabbit's Snow Dance Simon

and Schuster

Boris von der Borch's

image as a mean, greedy,

bossy, tough-as-nails pirate

is seriously threatened

when a young boy sneaks

onto Boris's ship.

Before They Read

Simon and Schuster

A sleepy child is flown

through the night sky to

see foxes hunting,

rabbits playing,

raccoons scrounging, and other animals that are active while people sleep.

The Book of Lies

Scholastic Inc.

Everything you need for a fantastic first year!

Writing Lesson Level 4--Be

a Word Wizard Kane Miller

Book Pub

Tap into your inner writer with this book of practical

advice by the bestselling

author of How Writers

Work and the ALA Notable

Book Fig Pudding. This

middle grade book is an

excellent choice for tween

readers in grades 5 to 6,

especially during

homeschooling. It 's a fun

way to keep your child

entertained and engaged

while not in the classroom.

Writers are just like

everyone else—except for

one big difference. Most

people go through life

experiencing daily thoughts

and feelings, noticing and

observing the world around

them. But writers record

these thoughts and

observations. They react.

And they need a special

place to record those

reactions. Perfect for

classrooms, A Writer 's

Notebook gives budding

writers a place to keep

track of all the little things

they notice every day.

Young writers will love

these useful tips for how to

use notes and jottings to

create stories and poems of

their own.

Wombat Stew Houghton

Mifflin Harcourt

In this classic Australian

picture book, a dingo

catches a wombat and

wants to cook him in a

stew. But all the other bush

animals have a plan to save

their friend. They trick the

dingo into using mud,

feathers, flies, bugs and

gumnuts in his wombat

stew, and the result is a

stew the dingo will never

forget!

Tough Boris Houghton

Mifflin Harcourt

This new 'first reader'

edition of Australia's

classic early childhood

counting book is just the

right size for little hands.

Featuring a witty rhyming

text and some of

Australia's favourite native

animals and their exuberant

antics.

Across the Wide Dark Sea

Penguin

Rabbit 's Snow Dance

Master storytellers Joseph

and James Bruchac present

a hip and funny take on an

Iroquois folktale about the

importance of patience, the

seasons, and listening to

your friends. Pair it with

other stories about

stubborn animals like

Karma Wilson 's Bear

Wants More and Verna

Aardema 's Why

Mosquitoes Buzz in

People's Ears. Rabbit loves

the winter. He knows a

dance, using an Iroquois

drum and song, to make it

snow—even in summertime!

When rabbit decides that it

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should snow early, he starts his dance and the snow begins to fall. The other forest animals are not happy and ask him to stop, but Rabbit doesn't listen. How much snow is too much, and will Rabbit know when to stop? The father-son duo behind *How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*, *Raccoon's Last Race*, and *Turtle's Race with Beaver* present their latest retelling of Native American folklore.

"The telling is sprightly, and Newman's ink-and-watercolor artwork makes an ideal companion. An appealing addition to folktale shelves." —Booklist

"This modern retelling maintains [the Bruchacs'] solid reputation for keeping Native American tales fresh." —School Library Journal

"The picturesque language makes it a pleasure to read aloud." —BCCB

Approaches to Teaching the Works of Robert Louis Stevenson  
Dial Books

Fart is desperate to make friends and have fun. But no one likes a fart -- not even a fart with a heart. With plenty of laughs and even more heart, this delightful picture book shows that even the smelliest among us can find a friend in this world. It's hard out there for a fart. Too smelly. Too embarrassing. Too gross. Striking the perfect

balance of gross-out humor, wit, and heart, this beautifully illustrated picture book delivers a message of accepting yourself and finding a friend who loves you just the way you are.