

The Important Book

Implementing the Common Core through developmentally appropriate strategies using movement.

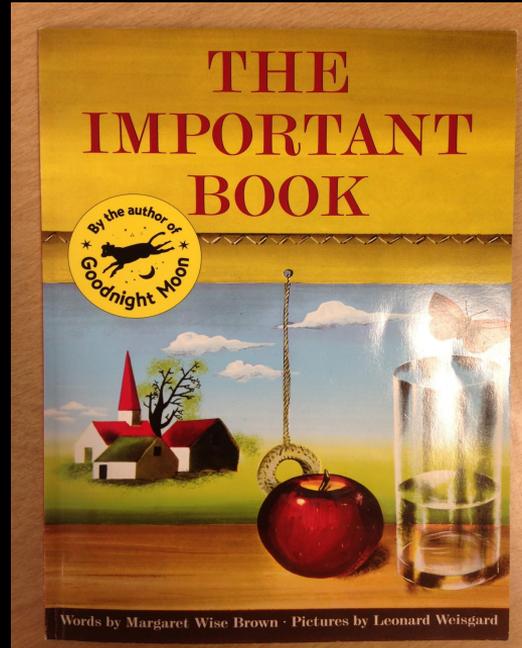
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First Grade

The Important Book

by Margaret Wise Brown



Day 1

Read aloud The Important Book for enjoyment.



Discuss the reasons that were given for why the things in the book are important.

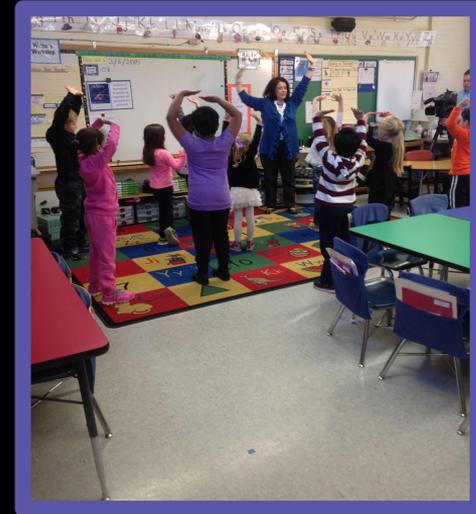
Day 2

Introduce Tier 2 vocabulary through kinesthetic activity!

“ticklish” “shiny” “tender”

“splashes” “crystals” “hollow”

Establishing our “bubbles” and boundaries for movement!



Creating movements for our new vocabulary!



Reading aloud with movements

Children act out Tier 2 words during the read aloud...



Building Oral Language

Children examine objects with characteristics that promote use of Tier 2 vocabulary words. Much discussions and description follows!

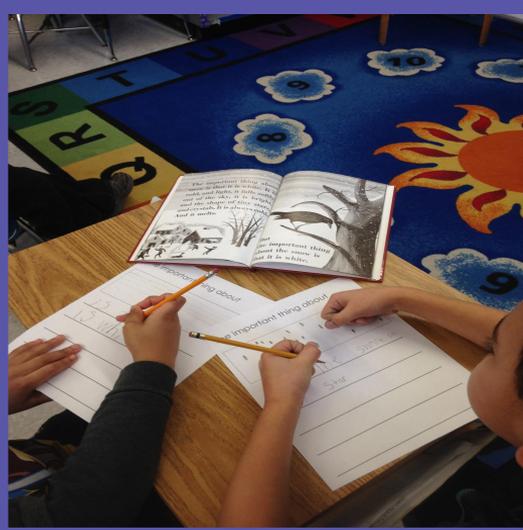
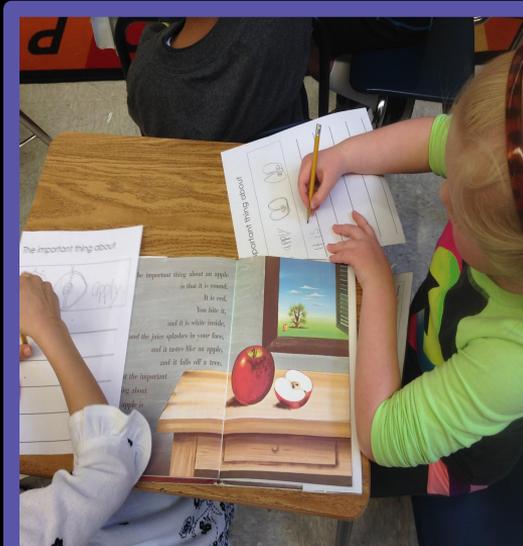


Day 3

Revisit The Important Book in partnerships. Notice the author's word choices and choose favorite lines.



Choosing our favorite lines and writing them to share with others.



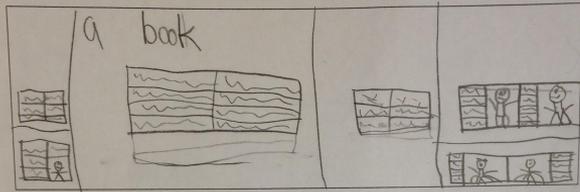
Day 4

Composing our own class Important Book.

- Examine an everyday object
- Describe the qualities of the object
- Construct reasons why the object is “important”
- Begin writing phrases and sentences about the object in the style of Margaret Wise Brown’s The Important Book.

Writing Samples

Rui-Chiwoo
The important thing about



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It can teach us
more. I have lots of
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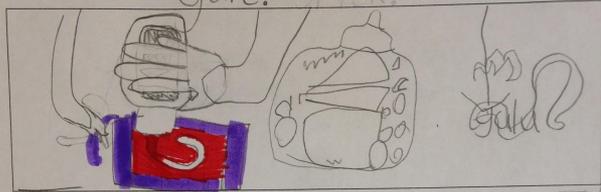
Naomi
The important thing about



A magnifier is that you can see thru
it. It is clear. It makes things bigger
if you look close at the bottom. It has a
a strange hole at the bottom. They
can come in different colors, and all
different sizes

The important thing about a

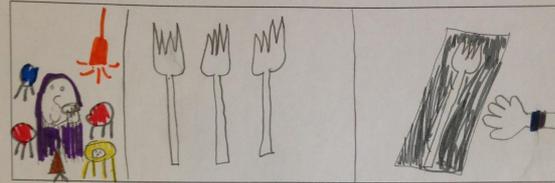
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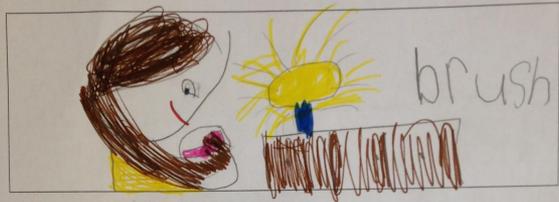
Emmelyn.

The important thing about ^{Natalie}



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wyte. it Has strips
on it. But the important
thing is that you eat
about is with it.

Savanah
The important thing about



It gets out
togethers it is
small. It can fit
in small places
but the important
thing about a brush

Abba ~~the~~ Tantzzen
The important thing about



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it and it has prite
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thing about a patset
is that you can pat with
it.

Celebrate!

Read and enjoy our own class Important Book filled with rich, descriptive vocabulary and wonderful illustrations!