



Getting Started with Balanced Literacy and *Literacy Place for the Early Years*

What's on the LPEY website?

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Teaching Materials

When you enter the *Literacy Place for the Early Years (LPEY)* section of the Scholastic website, you will find a wealth of information for teachers. If you click 'Teaching Materials' on the drop-down menu and scroll to the bottom of this page, you will find examples of suggested instructional plans outlining teaching strategies and concepts using the Read Aloud and Shared Reading texts. The plans demonstrate how to integrate the teaching of reading, writing, working with words, and oral language strategies.

Kindergarten:

 Wonderful Worms / Say It Out Loud

Grade 1:

 All Pigs Are Beautiful / Camping at the Lake

 Sailor, the Hangashore Newfoundland Dog / Hey, Diddle Diddle

Grade 2:

 We Are Wolves / The 10 Best Things About Canada

Grade 3:

 Magnetic Racetrack / Plantzilla

Also at the bottom of this page, you will discover a colourful LPEY Comprehension Strategies poster. It can be downloaded onto 11 X 17 size paper for display in your classroom. The poster includes questions to prompt students to apply the strategies.

Exclusive Materials

If you have purchased the Teaching Guides for any grade in LPEY, you can access other exclusive resources on the website (<http://lpeyresources.ca>). To do so, you will need to have your Teacher Account Number ready as you call Scholastic's Customer Service at 1-800-268-3848. You will receive your password which allows entrance to the protected zone.

Once you are in the website, you will see the following areas:

- For the Whole Program-Planning Guide
- Grade 1 Resources
- Grade 2 Resources
- Grade 3 Resources





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If you click on "For the Whole Program-Planning Guide", you will find PDF versions of:

- information on how to take running records
- LPEY bookmarks that can be reproduced for home use
- assessment pages for oral language
- downloadable versions of the oral language, reading, writing, and working with words continua
- a blank template of the Suggested Instructional Plan sheet
- helpful ideas for planning instruction using the LPEY resources

When you click on the Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 resources buttons, you will see a variety of useful materials, including assessment pages from the Reading, Writing, and Working with Words Guides, graphic organizers for reading and writing, alphabet letter cards, letter formations sheets, black-line masters for Working with Words, focussed lessons, and sheet music to accompany the songs on the Shared Reading CDs.



A great feature for Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers is the **reproducible books** that are included on the website. Make sure you download the levels A to C Small Group Shared/Guided Reading texts to send home with students for extra practice and enjoyment.

Grade 2 and 3 teachers will find **Smartboard versions** of the Shared Reading texts that are in overhead format. These include:

- 3-2-1 Blast Off! (Grade 2)
- Goldie Locks and the Three Bears (Grade 2)
- Big Bad Bertha (Grade 3)
- Magnetic Racetrack (Grade 3)
- I Swallowed a Gnat! (Grade 3)

One of the most time-saving features included on the website are the word cards for Building Words lessons. These can be printed, cut apart and used on a pocket chart to show the transitions from word to word.

http://www.scholastic.ca/education/litplace_earlyyears/index.html

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If you have a question you would like answered, please email your request to: workshops@scholastic.ca.