

A Reading Buddies Activity - Grades K - 12

Teacher's Guide for *My Book about Books* - A Reading Buddies Activity



Use this little book for your cross-age tutoring or reading buddies programs. The big buddies help their little buddies draw pictures or write a few sentences about each story element.

The FunLessonPlans teacher says, "I focus on a different story element each week with the students in my 7th and 8th grade remedial reading classes. These students then choose a children's picture book that illustrates one of the story elements particularly well. After reading the story to their first grade little buddies, they help them complete the appropriate page. We do a different page each week. Big buddies gain confidence in themselves as readers while learning to identify key elements of fiction. Little buddies have a chance to try out new reading and writing skills one on one or in a small group setting."

The interior pages of the book are made from either 12" x 18" Construction paper (white) or 11" x 17" Copier paper (white). The 6" x 9" (folded in half) Construction paper cover (colored) is optional.



Each large piece of paper is folded to make a little booklet which will be 6" high x 4.5" wide if using construction paper or 5.5" high x 4.25" wide if using copier paper.

Interior pages folded from one large piece of paper can be referred to as an eight page signature. Photographs and directions for folding a signature are on page 3.

After the signatures are assembled, students can cut out and paste in the title headings for each topic in the booklet. Working with their buddies, they can write about the story they have read, draw pictures, and decorate the booklets.

One eight page signature can be completed for each story read and each signature can be a separate booklet with its own covers on the first and last pages. Or several signatures can be glued together. A colored construction paper cover can then be added to the combined signatures with the front and back title headings pasted onto the construction paper cover. A sample of *My Book about Books* with several signatures glued together and a colored cover is shown on the left.

Student Activity Sheet

Directions for Making *My Book about Books*

Cut and fold this little book and complete it with your reading buddies.

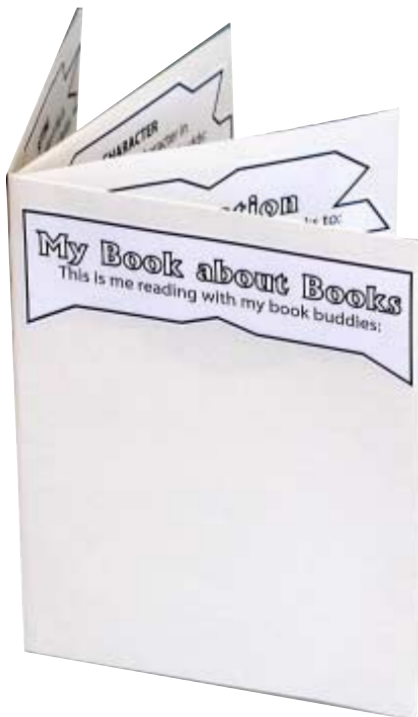
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After folding the booklet, cut out the title headings for the topics (at right) and glue them onto the pages 1 through 8. The page numbers are shown at the right of each heading.

Write sentences, draw pictures, and decorate the pages as you wish. A sample of *My Book about Books* with title headings is shown below.



My Book about Books

This is me reading with my book buddies:

Page 1

My Name _____

This is the title of the book I read with
my book buddy:

Page 2

Dedication

I dedicate *My Book about Books* to:

Page 3

Character

Page 4

CHARACTER

This is the main character in
the story I read with my book buddy:

Page 5

Setting

This is the time and place for the story.

Page 6

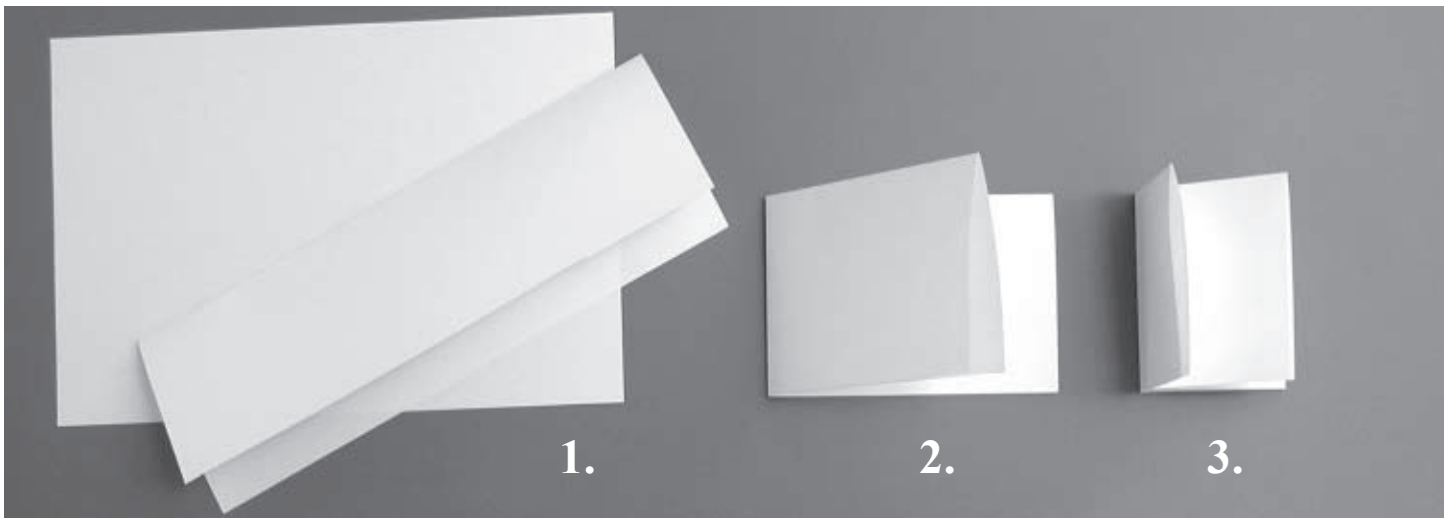
SETTING

This is what the place is like in
the story I read with my Book Buddy:

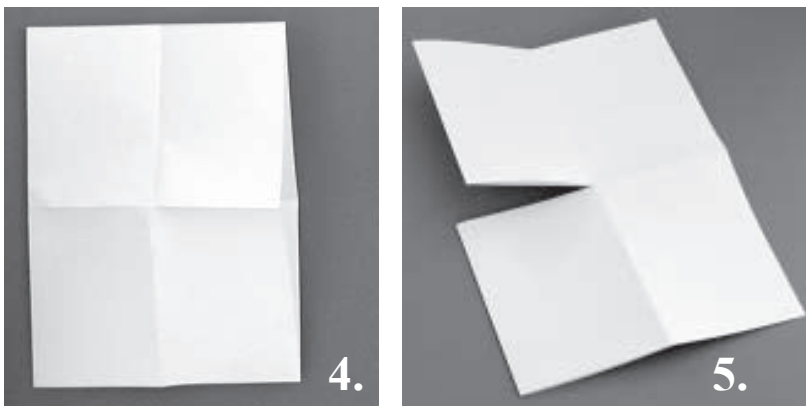
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This is the date, class, and school
where this book was made:

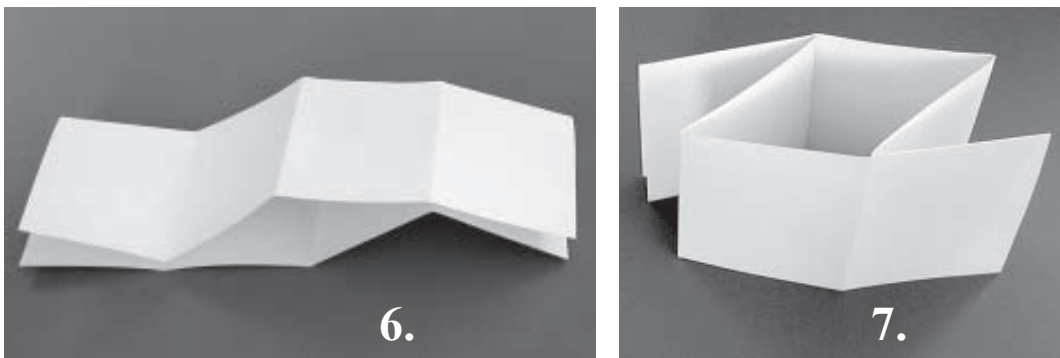
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Fold one piece of paper into an eight page booklet.



1. Fold a large piece of paper in half lengthwise.
2. Fold in half again as shown in figure 2.
3. Fold in half again as shown in figure 3.
4. Unfold totally and fold in half crosswise.
5. Cut along fold line as shown in figure 5.
6. Unfold totally and fold in half lengthwise.
7. Turn and pull out the top edges of the center sections which were cut in figure 5.
8. Continue to flatten the center sections, pushing the center folds inward to form a spine for the book.
9. Fold all pages toward the front.
10. Crease all the folds firmly to complete the book.



Extra Pages - Fold additional pieces of paper by the same method and glue or tape the booklets together to make as many pages as you wish.

Cover (optional) - Use glue or tape to add a cover made from colored construction paper.

