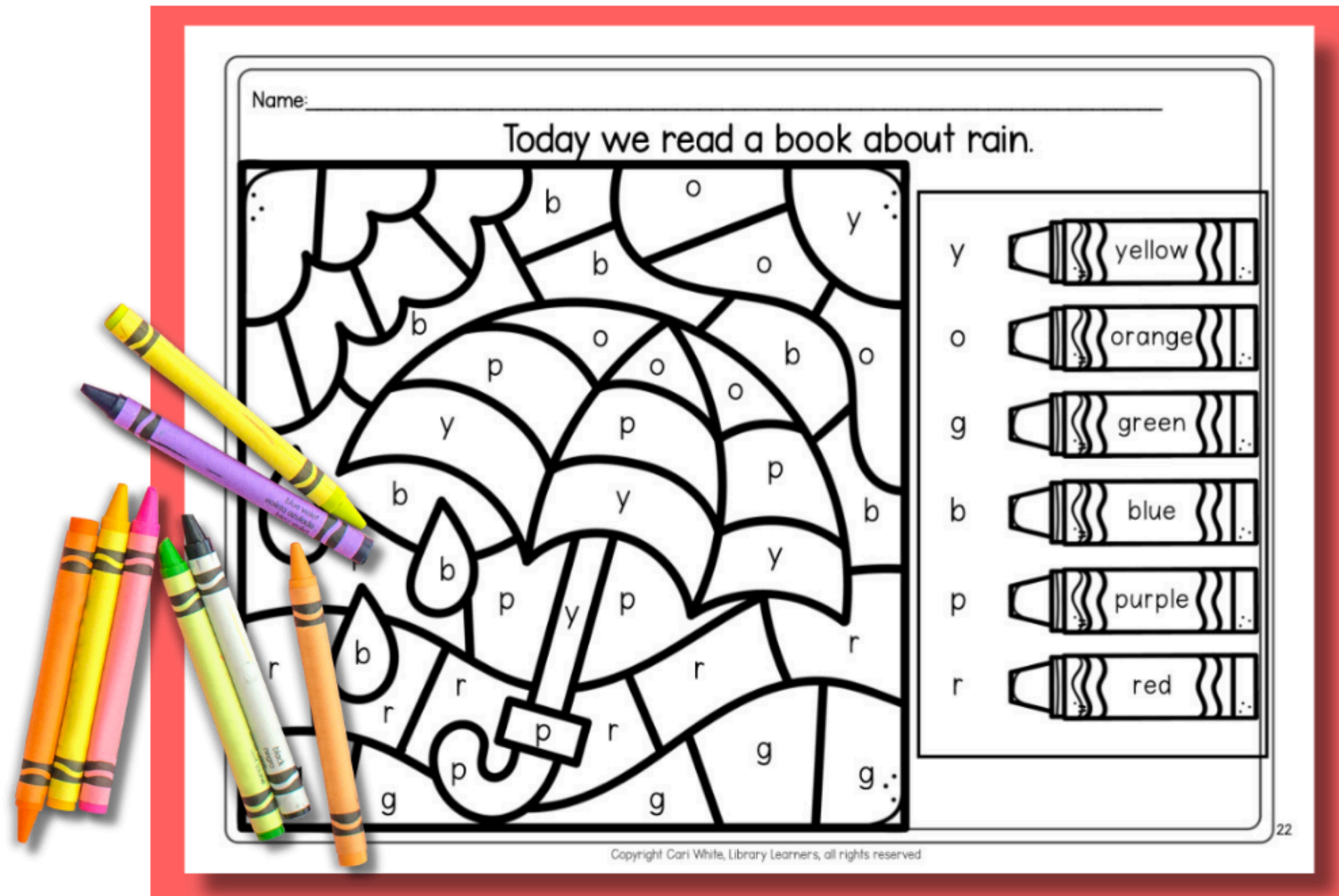


SPRING bundle

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Read-aloud fun
with
kindergarten!



SCROLL
TO TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!

KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY LESSONS

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EASY-TO-FOLLOW LIBRARY LESSON PLAN

- Low prep
- Standards-based
- Interactive
- Step-by-step
- Includes extension activities for longer classes

Kindergarten Lesson Plan to use with

Standards:
AASL IB.3. I can create something that shows what I am learning.
AASL ID.1. I can listen and learn new things today.
AASL VA.1. I can read a wide variety of books and media. I can use materials I read to inspire create.
Common Core
RLK.1. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
RLK.6. With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the story.
RLK.10. Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
TEKS
LAK.5B
Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, and thinking skills to both develop and deepen metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen understanding of text. Students are expected to: generate questions about text before reading; generate questions about text before reading with adult assistance;
LAK.6B. Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and thinking skills to both develop and deepen understanding of text. Students are expected to: generate questions about text before reading; generate questions about text before reading with adult assistance;
oral, pictorial, or written response to a text;

Preparation:
Read the book yourself before you read it aloud to your class. Gather your supplies. Provide crayons, paper, and a book for lasting a long time and looking good. Please be aware that students with a white background. Dough from Lakeshore Learning Center is a good choice.

Lesson:
Read a book from my list or one you already own and love with the same theme. For example, instead of reading a plant book from my list, you can read a plant book that you already know and love.
Before you begin reading, tell students the title and the name of the author and illustrator. Remind them of what an author and illustrator do. Ask them what they notice on the front cover of the book.
Occasionally, take time to ask students what words they think they will see on the front cover. Write those words on a piece of paper and read them aloud in the story.
As you read, ask questions like this:
● What's going on in this picture?
● What do you see that makes you say that?
● What more can you find?
(Visual thinking strategy questions are from [Reading Picture Books](#))
Partway through the book, ask students to make a prediction. What do you think will happen next?
will the book end?
Before you leave the story time area, show students the active book and review expectations.

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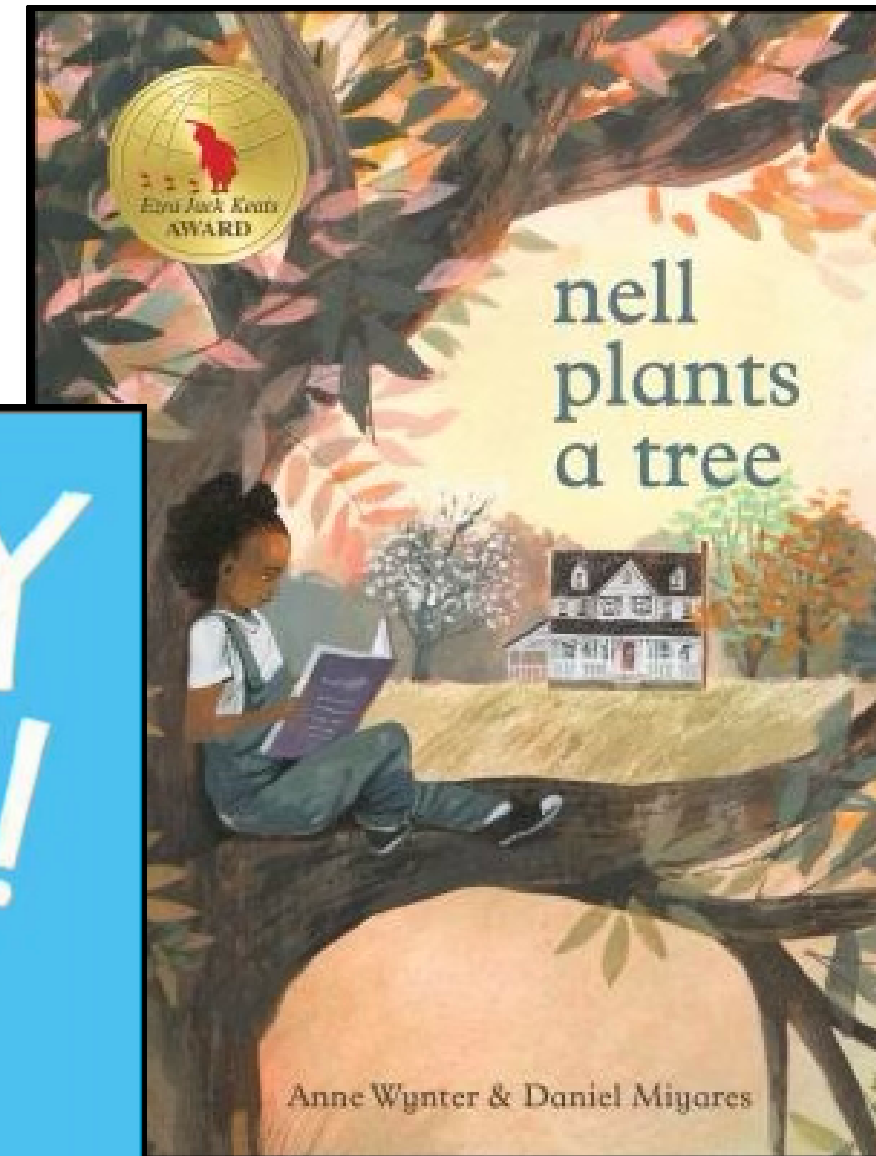
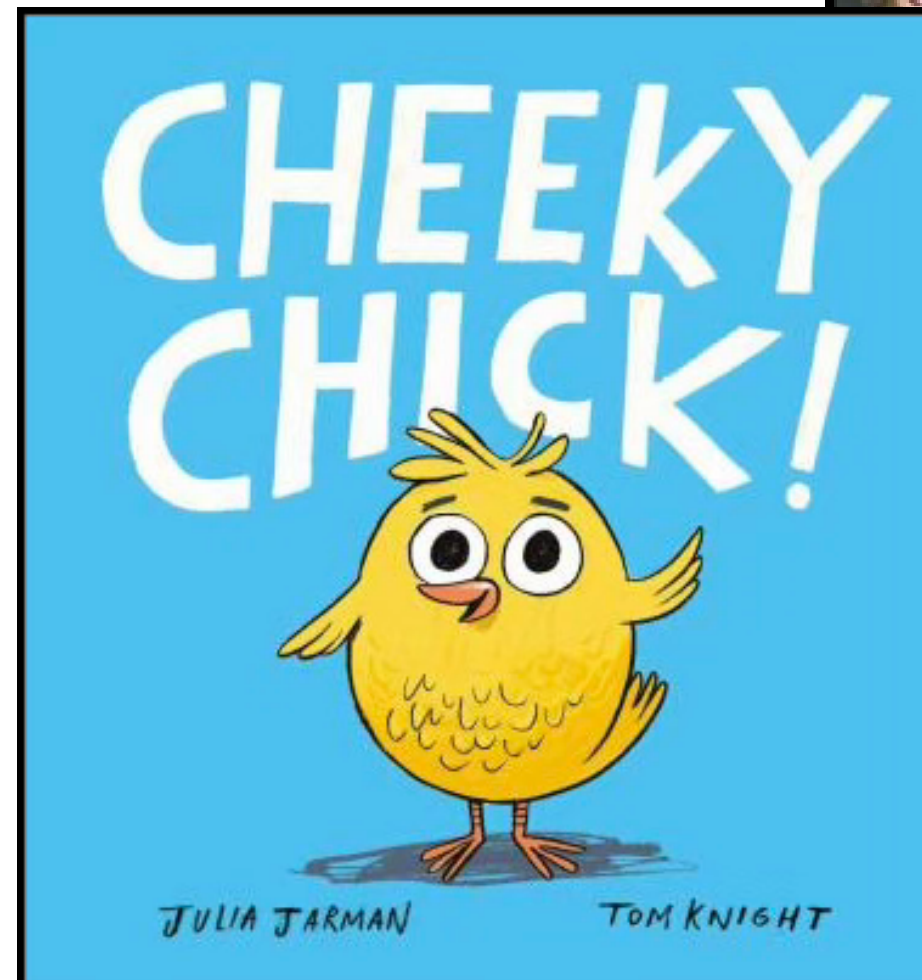
Lesson Extensions:
Find a related nonfiction article on a database for young students, like PebbleGo. Read through the article together. Ask students whether the plant or animal in the story acted like or looked like the real plant or animal does.
Play musical chairs with books. Put chairs in a circle, with a book related to your plant theme or related to spring on each chair. Play music, and have students walk around the circle until the music stops. When the music stops, they sit in the chair they're closest to. Then, call on a few students to tell you whether their book is fiction or non-fiction, or to point to a book part (front cover, back cover, spine).
Technology Connections:
In addition to, paper.
on Seesaw. Parents will be able to see what
page
oring page
n letters on the plant play dough mat
rent plant drawing page or draw from the Art

Kindergarten Lesson Plan (continued)

Lesson:
If you have a longer time with your young students, add one of these video lesson extensions. Cosmic Kids Yoga videos will help your students learn relaxation and mindfulness as they develop coordination of their large muscles. The drawing lessons from Art for Kids Hub are also fun and will help your students develop their fine motor skills!
Be prepared to pause the videos if students struggle to keep up with the instructions. You can repeat these, too, on subsequent visits!
[Flower Power Guided Meditation for Kids Peace Out](#) (6 minutes)
[Art for Kids Hub How to Draw a Sunflower](#) (5 minutes)

KINDERGARTEN STANDARDS

- ★ author & illustrator
- ★ key details in a text
- ★ generate questions about text
- ★ pictorial response to text
- ★ engage in group reading activities

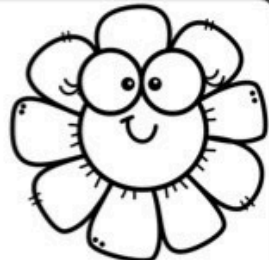


DRAWING & COLORING PAGES

3 coloring/drawing pages to use with ANY book for that theme.

Name: _____

Today we read a book about plants.
I can draw a part that I remember.

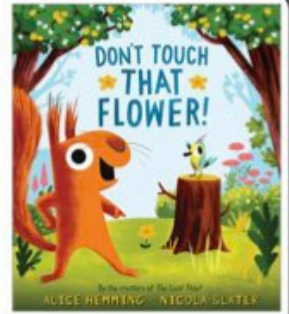



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Name: _____

Today we read Don't Touch that Flower! by Alice Hemming.

I can draw a squirrel.



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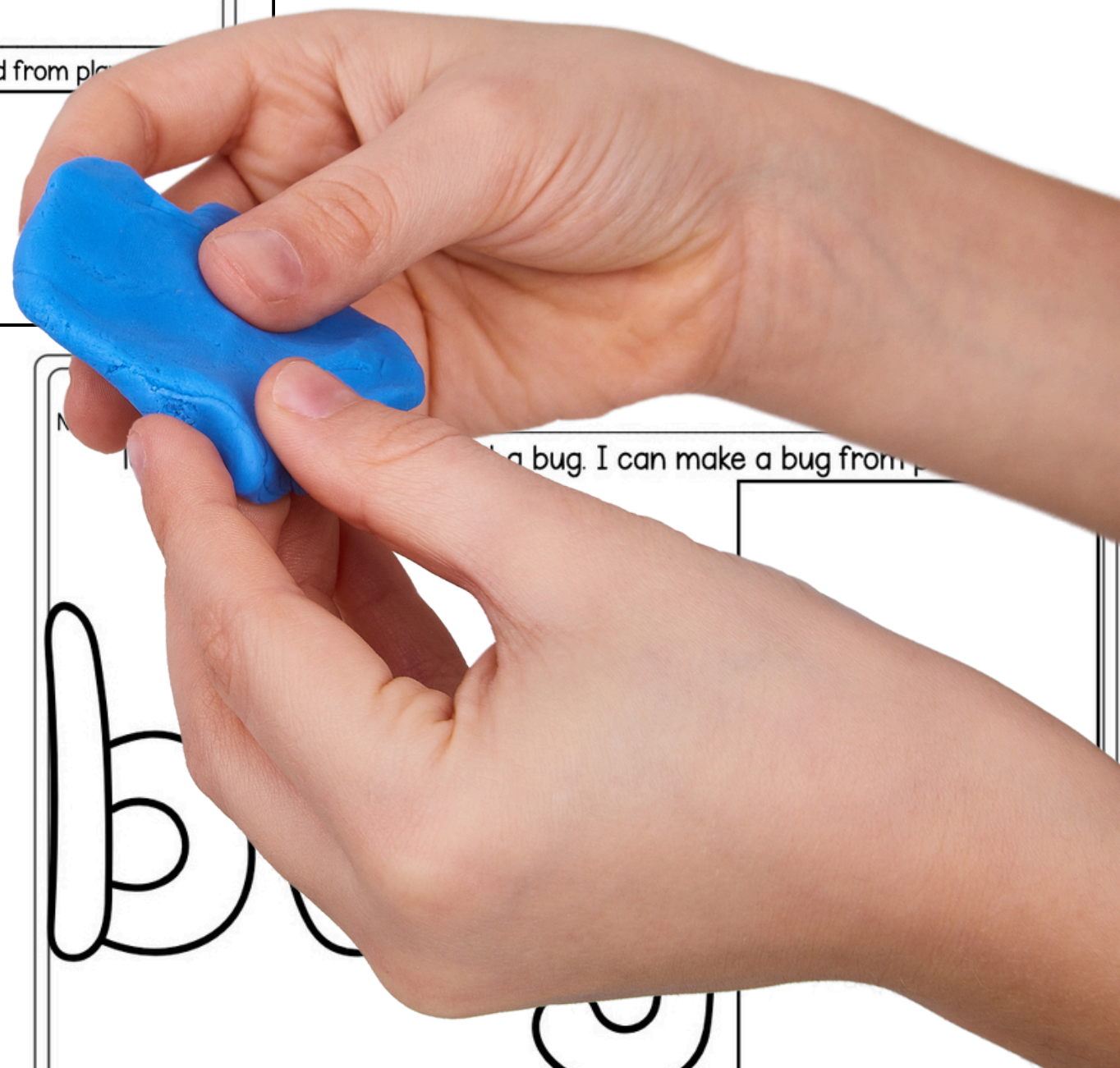
10 drawing & coloring pages per theme for books on the list.

PLAY DOUGH PAGE

for each theme



Practice fine motor skills



Name: _____
Today we read a book about a bird. I can make an egg from play dough.

egg

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Name: _____
Today we read a book about clouds and rain. I can make a cloud from play dough.



Name: _____
Today we read a book about a plant. I can make a plant from play dough.

plant

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Name: _____
Today we read a book about a bug. I can make a bug from play dough.

bug

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LIST OF 10 RECOMMENDED BOOKS


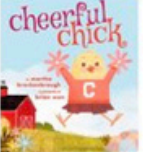
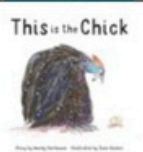
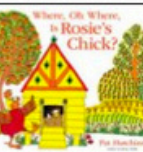
for each theme

★ Borrow from public library

★ Great read-alouds

★ Add to your library collection

★ These books are suggested, NOT required!

Recommended Chick Books	
<p><u>The Perfect Nest</u> by Catherine Friend (2018): Practice your French and Southern accents before you read this story about a dog who tries to build the perfect nest. He wants to attract a chicken to lay an egg for his breakfast, but it doesn't quite work out like he planned.</p>	
<p><u>Cheerful Chick</u> by Martha Brockenbrough (2019): You'll enjoy this story told in verse about a newly hatched chick trying to form a cheerleading squad. Although the other farm animals don't want to join her squad, Chick persists until she accomplishes her goal.</p>	
<p><u>The Goose Egg</u> by Liz Wong (2019): This is a great story about finding new friends who aren't exactly like you. When a goose egg lands on her head, Henrietta, the quiet elephant, bandages it, thinking it's a bump. Henrietta goes above and beyond to be a good friend to the noisy gosling that hatches into her quiet world.</p>	
<p><u>This is the Chick</u> by Wendy Hartmann (2018): I love that this rhythmic, chain reaction story is set in Africa, with African wildlife panicking one after the other, until a stampede rushes into the small house of a young, brown child. Let your students "cheep" softly, when you read that word in the book, to show the contrast between small cheeps and the big panic.</p>	
<p><u>Where, Oh Where, is Rosie's Chick?</u> by Pat Hutchins (2016): When you read this sequel to <u>Rosie's Walk</u> (1988), your students will giggle at Rosie searching for her chick that is wobbling along behind her. You will want to stop and talk about what the words are telling versus what the illustrations show. Where is the chick? Where is the fox? What is he doing?</p>	
<p><u>This Little Chick</u> by John Lawrence (2013): Barnyard sounds surround the little chick who goes out to play in this repetitive rhyming story. Your students will enjoy making animal sound predictions before the page turn, as the text asks, "what do you think they heard him say?"</p>	

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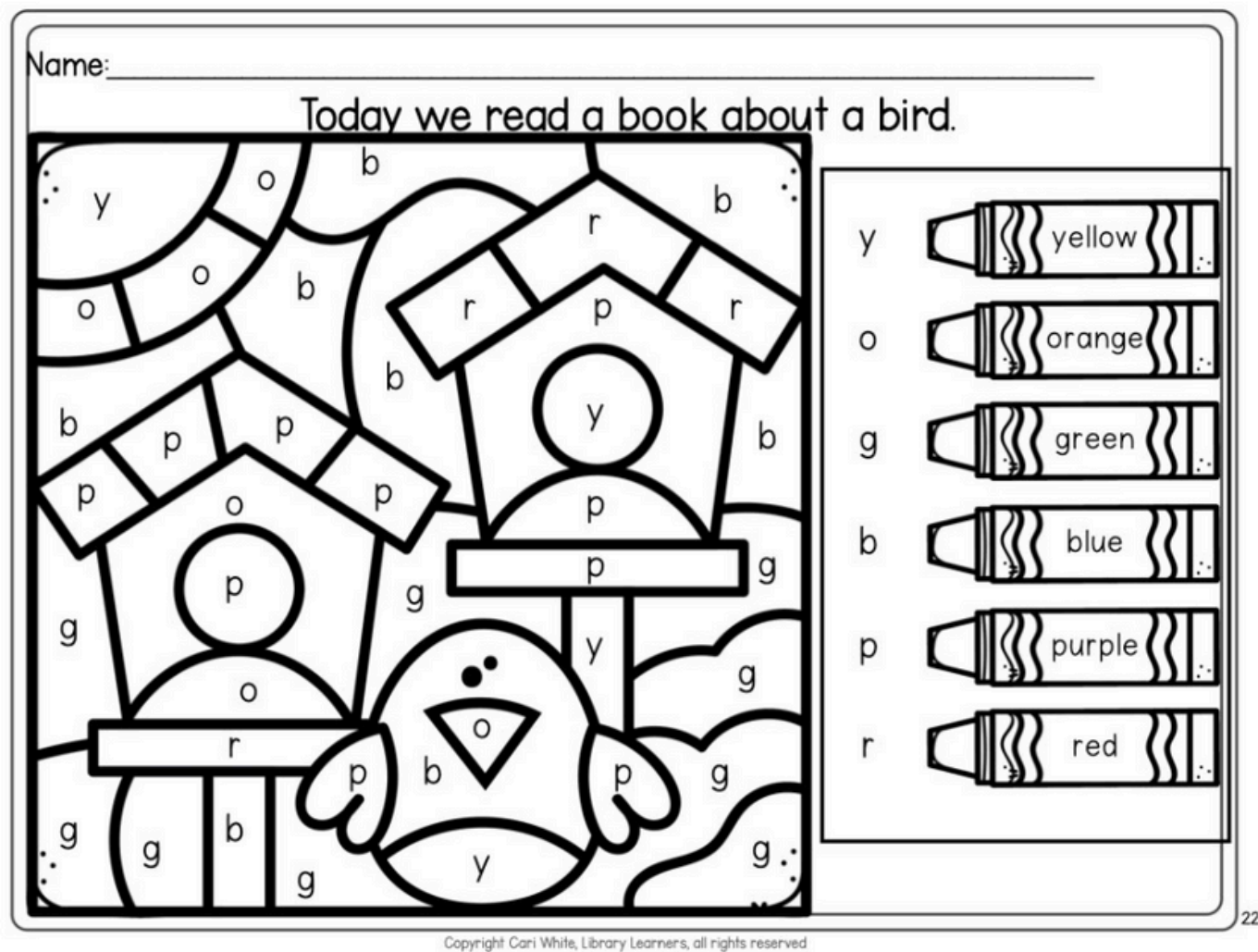
Recommended Chick Books	
<p><u>Cheeky Chick!</u> by Julia Jarman (2024): You can explain to your students that "cheeky" is a word used in England for someone who is cute but a little bit naughty at the same time. Cheeky Chick ignores the warnings of Mother Hen and the other farm animals to stay close to the hen house for her own safety. Of course, Cheeky Chick does eventually face Fox and get the best of him in this rhyming, singsong story.</p>	
<p><u>Chick Chat</u> by Janie Bynum (2021): Baby Chick loves to talk, and her family is too busy to listen. So Baby Chick goes off on her own and digs up an egg who turns out to be a great (silent!) listener until it disappears one day. Ask your students to make a prediction—what happened to the egg? Where did it go? It hatched into a new friend for Baby Chick. Your students can read the "peeps" together as you point to them on the page. Publisher North-South created printable coloring pages, a maze, and bookmarks.</p>	
<p><u>That Egg is Mine!</u> A Silly Story about Sharing by Liz Dubois (2022): This is the first book in a graphic novel series for beginning readers. In this funny story, Cluck (a blue chicken) and Duck (a yellow duck), both argue that a found egg belongs to them. Spoiler alert: it turns out to be a dinosaur egg, with a very large mother looking for it. Ask your students to share other ways that Cluck and Duck could have solved the problem of the found egg, instead of arguing.</p>	
<p><u>The Donkey Egg</u> by Janet Stevens (2019): Bear and Hare, from the award-winning <u>Tops & Bottoms</u>, return for another funny trickster tale. Lazy Bear would rather take a nap than work on his farm. Tricky Fox sells him a "donkey egg," which your students will notice looks exactly like a watermelon, which he says will hatch into a donkey to help Bear on the farm. This is a good opportunity to review what "fiction" means. Do donkeys really hatch from eggs? Does anything hatch from watermelons? No, it's a story from the author's imagination.</p>	

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HAPPY LIBRARIANS SAID...

I used to struggle with what to teach my Kinders during Library class. This resource was a god send! There were **easy to use** suggestions, book recommendations and activity pages for theme. I just loved it and so did my students! -Tina S.

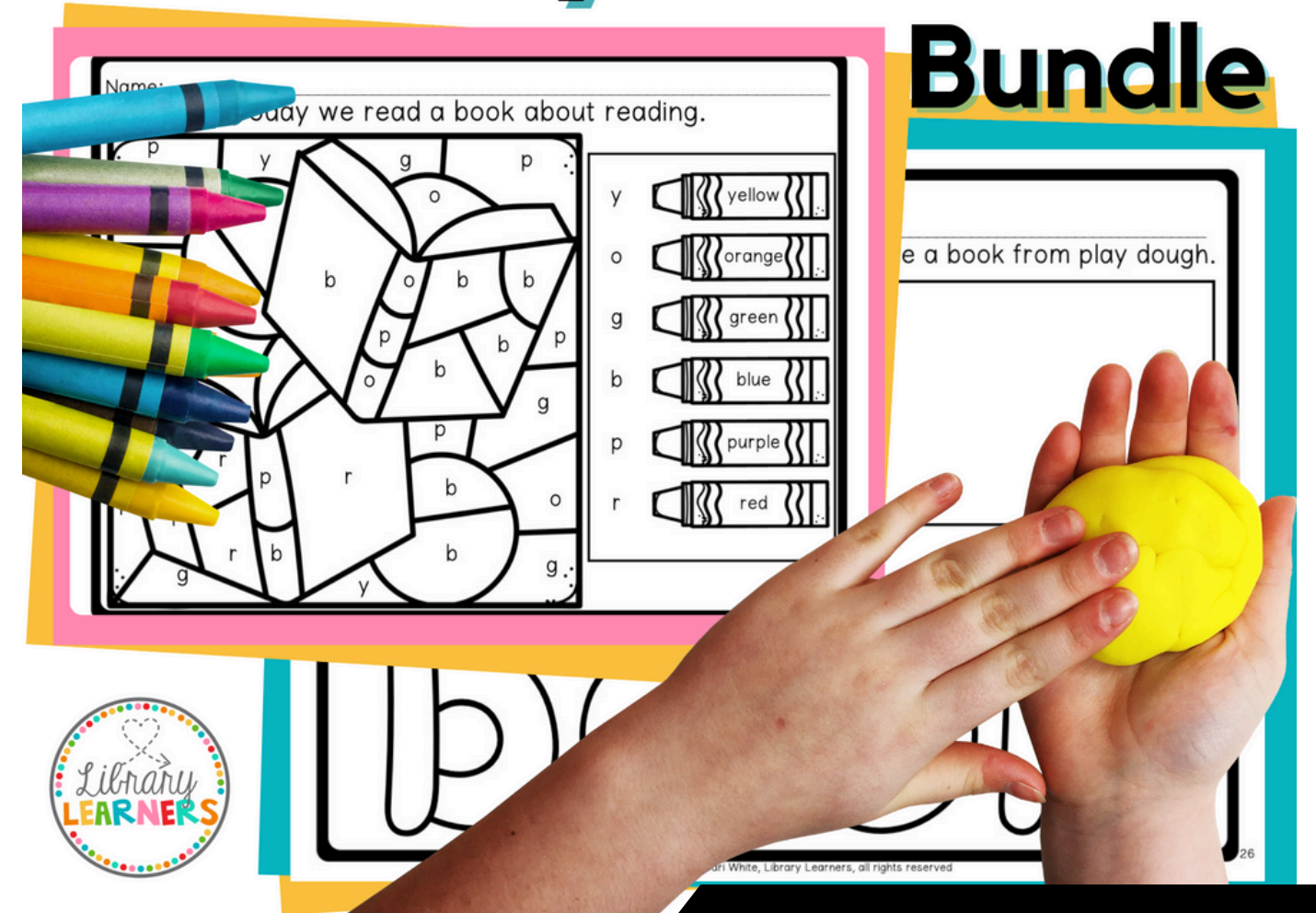
My students have loved this resource. It has been a great help in planning class time. -Rachel A.



My students loved using this resource, and most importantly **they learned a lot!** Good purchase. -Kari S.

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“These resources have made my pre-K and Kindergarten weekly library classes so, **so easy to plan and execute**. They really are **a lifesaver** if you teach those grades and are looking for lessons that have flexible read-aloud options and align well with ELA standards.

-Cheryl B.

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