

BCTLA – Conference 2012  
**Great Books – Great Lessons** (Primary)  
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>LESSON SUGGESTION</b>
<i>This Plus That</i>	Amy Krouse Rosenthal	Creating your own equations
<i>Wumbers</i>	Amy Krouse Rosenthal	Create your own “wumbers”
<i>Happy</i>	Mies Van Hout	Connecting to emotions, art
<i>Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School</i>	David Mackintosh	Connecting – not judging someone by what they look like, how they act
<i>I’m Bored</i>	Michael Ian Black	Connecting – life is not so boring after all!
<i>Now We Are Cool</i>	Suzanne Opel Gotz	Connect
<i>My Brave Book of Firsts</i>	Jamie Lee Curtis	Great connect book for early primary
<i>The Big Book of Families</i>	Mary Hoffman	Excellent Connect book for families and communities
<i>The Handiest Book in the World</i>	Andrew Clements	Great photos – connecting to all the things you use your hands for. (early primary)
<i>You and Me Together</i>	Barbara Kerley	Beautiful photos of families around the world
<i>B is for Basketball</i>	SD 50 Haida Gwaii	Alphabet book about famous annual All Native Basketball Tournament
<i>Question Boy Meets Little Miss Know it All</i>	Peter Catalanotto	Hilarious read-aloud. Great for introducing the power of asking deep questions
<i>Philea’s Fortune</i>	Agnes de Lestrade	Question – world where words are made in a factory
<i>Pete the Cat</i>	Eric Letwin	Popular “Pete the Cat” books - 4 books
<i>Over and Under the Snow</i>	Kate Messner	Visualizing and connection to science
<i>Green</i>	Laura Vaccaro Seeger	Original look at the different shades of green. Great for visualizing
<i>Mole’s Sunrise</i>	Jeannie Willis	Mole “sees” the sunset with his mind as his friends describe it to him – great for Visualizing
<i>My Garden</i>	Kevin Henkes	Visualizing an imaginary garden – great inspiration for writing
<i>Tell Me a Dragon</i>	Jackie Morris	Captivating illustrations and writing describing different dragons – inspires dragon writing
<i>More</i>	I.C. Springman	Very little text – great for inferring.
<i>Friends – True stories of Amazing Animal Friendships</i>	Kathryn Lansky	Inferring – OWI
<i>Awesome Autumn</i>	Bruce Goldstone	Excellent Nonfiction - EVERYTHING about Autumn – tastes, smells, sounds, clothing, etc.
<i>A Rock is Lively</i>	Diane Hutts Aston	Latest in series – information; lovely language
<i>Swirl by Swirl</i>	Joyce Sidman	Poetry – seeing spirals in nature
<i>Noisy Poems for a Busy Day</i>	Robert Heidbreder	All the sounds we make and encounter throughout a day
<i>My Dog is Smelly as Dirty Socks</i>	Honoch Piven	Similes
<i>How Did That Get in Your Lunch</i>	Chris Butterworth	Following the journey of all the food in a typical

<b>Box</b>		lunch
<b>Imagine You're A..... series (Pirate, Mermaid, Wizard, Princess</b>	Lucy and Meg Clibbon	Imaginative and humours – great use of text features
<b>The Last Polar Bear &amp; Polar Bear, Why is Your World Melting?</b>	Jean Craighead George/ Robert E. Wells	Pairing Fiction and Nonfiction on same topic of global warming
<b>Me... Jane &amp; The Watcher</b>	Patrick McDonnell/ Jeanette Winter	Paired Biographies about Jane Goodall

### NOVELS

<b>Roland Wright – Future Knight</b>	Toni Davis	
<b>Wildcat Run</b>	Sonia Spreen	
<b>We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes</b>	Patrick Jennings	
<b>Noah Barleywater Runs Away</b>	John Boyne	
<b>Waiting for Magic</b>	Patricia MacLauchlan	

Notes...

# This Plus That

(based on the book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal)

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = summer vacation

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = back to school

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = my best weekend

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Family

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Halloween

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Canada

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = bullying

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Fall

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Winter

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Spring

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = Summer

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = *your name*

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = my best weekend

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = joy

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = disappointment

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = annoying

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = fabulous!

Now think of some of your own!

(try using different equation signs: + - × ÷)

# Making Connections

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

In the story...	This reminds me of...
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## Making Connections



This part of the story reminds me of ...

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# QUESTIONING the TEXT

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What are you wondering?	Quick	Deep - thinking

## ***Share your thinking...***

Put a star beside one of your "Deep Thinking" questions. Answer below.

*Maybe....*

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## Before, During and After

Good readers **ASK QUESTIONS** before, during and after they are reading. Questions help us to think more deeply about what we are reading. Sometimes we can find answers to our questions in the book; other times, we need to use our own thinking to find an answer.

What are you wondering **BEFORE** you read?

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What are you wondering **WHILE** you read?

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What are you wondering **AFTER** you read?

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Choose one of your questions and try to answer it. What do **YOU** think?

I think...

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# Visualize...Draw...Write...

When I read the story \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_, these are the pictures I see in my mind...

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3.    <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	4.    <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



# Story Scenes

In the story...	What I visualized...
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# O.W.I

Place photo or illustration here

What I **O**bserve

What I **W**onder

What I **I**nfer

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# 3,2,1 O.W.I.

OBSERVE	WONDER	INFER

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OBSERVE	WONDER	INFER

# Visualize A Dragon - Planning Sheet

Body Size/Shape	Scales/Color	Eyes/Tail/Wings

My Dragon is a \_\_\_\_\_ Dragon.

My dragon can...	My dragon and I...	My favourite thing about my dragon...

## Simile and You Will See!

	Familiar	Original
As cold as...	ice	<i>Monkey bars in winter</i>
Hot like ...	the sun	
As brave as...	a lion	
As slow as...	a turtle	
As white as...	snow	
As quiet as...	a mouse	
As black as...	night	
As funny as...	a clown	
As annoying as.	a mosquito	
Boring like ...	a sloth	
As busy as...	a bee	
Soft like ...	a kitten	
As wise as...	an owl	
Quick as...	a bunny	