



Grade 2 Reading Unit 2- Story Elements/Character Study

In this unit your child will develop an understanding of story elements (character, setting, events, problem, solution). He/she will study character as a means of creating a deeper understanding of a text.

The skills your child will develop in this unit:

- Using story elements (character, setting, events, problem, solution) to retell or summarize a text
- Identifying characters' feelings
- Inferring by combining prior knowledge and clues from the text
- Analyze how events effect a character's feelings
- Determining character traits
- Comparing and contrasting characters
- Identifying a character's motivation

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- What do you notice about the characters in your Just Right book?
- Does the main character remind you of anyone?
- Can you identify your character's feelings? How so?
- Can you tell what your character is thinking? How so?
- Is the character the same or different from people you know?
- Have you learned anything from a character in your book?

Books we may enjoy together during this unit:

- Frog & Toad
- Come On, Rain
- Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
- Too Many Toys

When reading with your child at night, talk about the story elements. Who was in the story? Where did it take place? What was the problem and solution? Having these conversations while your child is reading a book can deepen his/her understanding of each text you share together. Consider reading a chapter book series aloud to your child and talk about how the characters solve problems they encounter.