



Grade 2 Reading Unit 4- Connecting Characters with Life

In this unit, your child will build on his or her understanding of characters. He or she will look to make connections from his or her own life to relate to a character from a book or a series. Your child will form a deeper understanding of characters, how they change, and what makes them change. Your child will also have an opportunity to act out scenes from books with a partner!

The skills your child will develop in this unit:

- Analyzing characters to understand the author's message
- Paying attention to punctuation when reading
- Rereading to build fluency
- Reading with expression, inflection, and phrasing to reflect understanding
- Developing the ability to convince others of his/her opinion of a character
- Identifying evidence to support his/her opinion of a character
- Using context clues to figure out the meaning of new vocabulary

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- How have you grown as a reader?
- What are some of your new reading goals?
- How can you put yourself in your character's shoes?
- What are some good and/or bad choices your character has made?
- What is interesting about your character?
- What life lessons did your character learn in this story?

Books we may enjoy together during this unit:

- Edward & The Jungle
- Too Many Toys
- Horrible Harry (series)
- Ivy & Bean
- Zelda & Ivy

While reading with your child at home, discuss how a character changes throughout a book or a series. Talk to your child about how his or her feelings are the same and different from those of a character in the book and support his or her work in talking about specific feelings – kinds of happy, sad, angry, etc.