
Preface

This book enables teachers to meet the standards with authentic, engaging lesson plans and activities for students from kindergarten to Grade 8. Because this book includes suggestions for family and community involvement as well as quick and inexpensive related crafts projects, it is also a welcome guide for camp directors, scout leaders, and directors of libraries and community organizations. Those planning neighborhood celebrations, adult-and-child-education programs, and Back-to-School Night assemblies will find what they need to create memorable educational experiences. Addressing the language arts areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing, this text is a complete resource that unites educational standards with quality literature and classroom and community projects.

Literacy Lessons, K–8 is divided into three parts.

Part I. Lesson Plans and Activities to Enhance Storytelling. The first part, “Lesson Plans and Activities to Enhance Storytelling,” contains 17 lesson plans and guides teachers in using effective strategies. Each lesson plan includes the following:

- **ELL Adaptations:** suggestions for making the lessons and classroom environment more comfortable and effective for students who are learning English
- **Differentiated Instruction:** ways to differentiate instruction for students at various grade and ability levels
- **Rubrics for Measuring Student Progress:** a six-point scale for all lesson plans to enable students to track their progress
- **Standards Correlations:** lessons that clearly state the standards addressed
- **Related Literature:** tables and lists throughout the book suggesting related literature and mentor texts

Part II. The Arts and Crafts of Literacy. In the second part, “The Arts and Crafts of Literacy,” busy teachers as well as camp directors, scout leaders, and directors of libraries and community organizations will find quick and inexpensive means of creating materials to enhance literacy experiences. This section contains ideas for creating the following:

- Costumes
- Puppets
- Journals and Stationery to Motivate Writers
- Fabric Crayon Projects
- Quilts

Part III. Literacy Resources. The third part, “Literacy Resources,” contains an annotated bibliography that helps teachers and youth group leaders find appropriate literature such as poems and short stories to enhance literacy activities.