

THE READERS' WORD 2008-2009 –

THE PAGEMASTERS' PICNIC OF READING SNACKS

For Hearts That Love the Art and Magic of Stories

THE ANCHOR BOOKS: FEATURING FOUR (4) "BEAR" NECESSITIES!

Chaucer's First Winter by Stephen Krensky

The Teddy Bears' Picnic by Jimmy Kennedy

Hutchinson Publishers' Book of Teddy Bear Tales, Susan Jenkin-Pearce's "Rosie and the Pavement Bears"

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and Helen Kinsey's The Bear That Heard Crying

Mrs. Howard's "Step-Beyond" Literacy Strategies and Suggestions for School and Home

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THE FAMILY BOOKMARK – READ-ALoud PAGE

#8 Week of November 24, 2008

SNACK PHRASE-OF-THE-WEEK: If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise...

Dear Families,

Here are **four (4) surprises** found in the woods this week. In honor of a teddy bear celebration, The Readers' Word features four (4) books about bears. On November 14, 1902. President Theodore Roosevelt, a big-game hunter, refused to shoot a bear cub. Soon, this event was drawn up as a political cartoon. In the same year, a New York candy-maker's wife created a stuffed bear, called a "Teddy Bear." And, if you have ever had and hugged a teddy bear, you'll know the rest of the story.

CAREER CONNECTION

Imagine three (3) different types of jobs: a political cartoonist, a candy store owner, and a stuffed toy maker! All three (3) jobs are colorful, creative, and joy-filled. More than anything...find color, creativity, and joy whenever you read aloud. ENJOY, Mrs. Howard

PRE-EXPERIENCE – TEXT

The Magic of Being Curious and Playful

ANCHOR BOOK #1

Chaucer's First Winter by Stephen Krensky

Chaucer was not quite ready to sleep and snooze during the winter. So, while his parents slept for the bears' hibernation, Chaucer stayed awake.

He stretched and explored all that winter had to offer. Chaucer caught snowflakes on his tongue and slid down the snow-covered hill. With Kit Fox and Nugget Squirrel, the little bear cub threw snowballs.

Suddenly, a heavy snowstorm put the three friends in a safe cave. Then, spring tiptoed in, melting the snow. A change was coming, and Chaucer could almost smell the flowers.

The little bear returned to his cave, where Mom and Dad Bear were just awakening. "Wait until you hear about winter," Chaucer announced. But, as he spoke, his eyes began to close. Now, it was Chaucer's time to fall fast asleep. The story will have to wait for another time.

- **Draw and color** Chaucer Bear Cub looking at something curious that winter.
- **Write** one "8-12-word" powerful sentence telling what Chaucer Bear Cub sees.

WORD WISDOM – THE SCAN

Discovering Bears Who Scare Away "Bullies"

ANCHOR BOOK #3

Susie Jenkin-Pearce's "Rosie and the Pavement Bears"

Rosie was the smallest little girl in her class. As sad fortune would have it, Ben and Billy pushed and teased her. On one tear-stained day, Rosie stomped on the sidewalk crack. Suddenly, "Yazoo" and "Bazam" appeared. These two huge bears improved Rosie's math, writing, PE, lunch time, and story time skills. Even upon going home, Rosie's bear escorts helped another friend bullied by two big girls. It is amazing how two imaginative bears protected the small, the weak, and the helpless.

- **Scan** this text for 2-letter through 7-letter words.

2-LETTER	3-LETTER	4-LETTER	5-LETTER	6-LETTER	7-LETTER

POSTCARD GRAPHICS – ARTS

The Imagination of Games and Treats in the Bears' Woods

ANCHOR BOOK #2

The Teddy Bears' Picnic by Jimmy Kennedy

You will be surprised about what you'll see in the woods. So, plan to go to look disguised as a bear. The bears spend time there having a picnic and playing games. Beneath the trees out of view of everyone, the bears play hide and seek. All bears gather there for basketball, baseball, and guitar playing. They shout, play, have sack races, and roll the hoops. But, a six o'clock, parents come to the woods to get the bears. The bear suits come off, and the little bears fall asleep. And, grown-up bears still wear their bear suits while enjoying coffee and a newspaper.

- **Draw and color** a picture of you wearing a "bear suit."
- **Write** a "caption" under your picture 3-5 words. Tell what fun activity you're doing at the picnic.

CAPTION FOR YOUR PICTURE:					
FALLING WATERS		DRIVEN QUICKLY BY		NOT VERY POLITE	
TO GET UP		HANDBAG		URGENT	

LET THE MEANING CLUES ABOVE HELP YOU.

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- **Scan** the word "surprise" for six (6) new, smaller words.
- **Scramble** the letters around and use the "meaning clues."

COMP QUEST - READING ALoud FLUENTLY IN "THOUGHT PHRASES"

That Amazing-But-True Story About Bear Who Saved a Lost Little Girl

ANCHOR BOOK #4

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and Helen Kinsey's The Bear That Heard Crying

- **Read** this "summary" aloud, using the phrasing changes for pauses in fluent reading.

Three-year-old Sarah Whitcher was lost *in the woods*. In *Warren*, New Hampshire, *June 1783*, she wandered off. *For four days* family and neighbors *looked for Sarah*. The searchers *almost gave up*, but luck saved the day. *There were bear tracks* around where she slept. The *three year old* announced, "A nice, **big black dog** found me." The little girl was the **great-great-great-great** aunt of this book's author. **What an amazing-but-true** story of a hero—one kind bear!

