

The reading contest

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Sample Late First Grade / Early Fluent Book

Level 14

Word count this book: 230

One of several stories about the joy of reading

"I have exciting news," said Mrs. Hall.
"We're going to have a reading contest.
The first grade class that reads the most books will win a treat.
The treat will be a daytime pajama party one Friday afternoon."



Slightly smaller font, a little less space between the lines, longer sentences

Much less reliance on illustration to cue text

"Yay!" shouted the children.
"We will read **lots** of books."
For the next few weeks, the children read before, during, and after school.



Challenging word (*favorite*) introduced here and reinforced on later pages

One day, Mrs. Hall asked the children to talk about their favorite books.

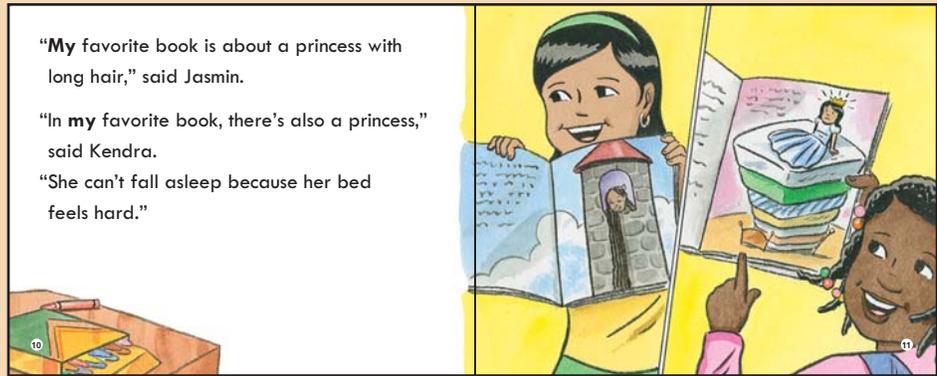


Boldface type here and elsewhere presents opportunities for students to read expressively.

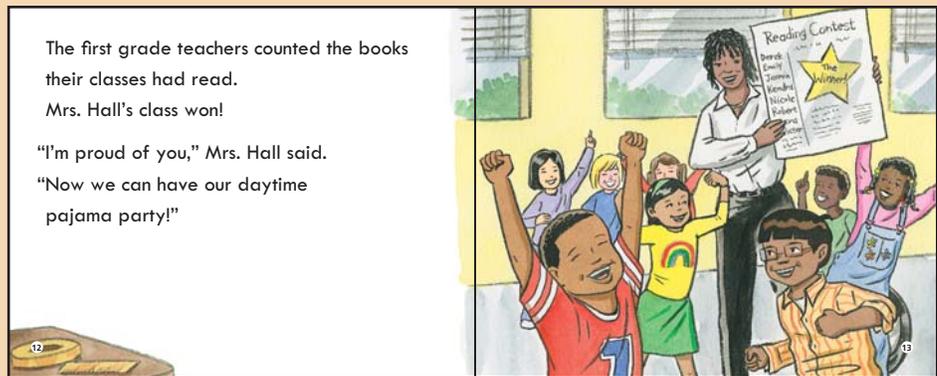
Victor held up his favorite book.
"This book has a wolf who huffs and puffs."
"**My** favorite book has a wolf, too," said Derek.
"He tries to trick a little girl."



As on the preceding page, students will have fun guessing the King School Kids' favorite books.



The word *proud* appears throughout the Series, emphasizing the importance of taking pride in doing one's best.



Students will enjoy finding their favorite characters in the dark.



The ending focuses on a universal childhood experience: amazement that adults were once kids, too.



All books measure 7-1/2" x 6"