

Jim Kleefeld's

The Magic of Books

Educational School Program

Teacher's Guide

Program Overview:

Jim presents a program of eight magical routines that employ plots and characters from a variety of books. In the routines, students are asked to assist and the characters participate in magical events. Pictures change, fish appear from nowhere, a spider spins a web instantly, and words literally fly out of the dictionary.

Title, Author & Character Chart of program references.

Jim will be referring to these books and characters – some briefly, some in more depth. The routines were designed to familiarize students with certain literature and motivate them to seek out reading material. Children do not have to have read each book on the list to follow the magic routines.

Character	Book	Author
Three Little Pigs Big Bad Wolf	multiple variations on The Three Pigs	Paul Galdone, John Scieszka, Margot Zemach, David Wiesner, Steven Kellog
Rainbow Fish	The Rainbow Fish	Marc Pfister
Charlotte	Charlotte's Web	E. B. White
Violet, Klaus & Sunny Baudelaire	A Series of Unfortunate Events book series	Lemony Snicket
Bartholomew, King & Magicians	Bartholomew and the Oobleck	Dr. Seuss

Beyond Books: In addition to the specific books, one routine is about using the library and becoming a "bookworm" and another is about finding words in the dictionary.

Vocabulary: Jim will be referring to these reading-related words. It may help students to be familiar with the words and their meanings.

title	author	illustrator	fiction	non-fiction	dictionary
real	imaginary	reference	plot	character	setting
series	vocabulary	bookworms	library	literature	dialogue

Tone: It is important to note that Jim will customize his vocabulary and tone, and alter salient discussion points for the grade levels of the audience. Thus, a program for a K-3 group may be lighter and focus more on the fun of reading, while a program for a Grades 4-6 group may spend more time on analyzing plot points or character growth in a book series, for example.