

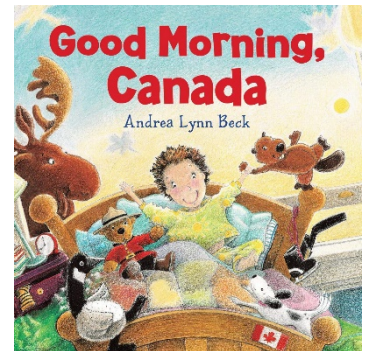
Literacy Gr2 – Lesson 1 - Using Features to Extend Understanding

Curriculum: Literacy (Receptive)

Reading isn't just about decoding the words. Reading is about comprehension. Using pictures can help to connect to prior knowledge and extend understanding. This is the strategy we will focus on today and every day.

Materials:

- Good Morning Canada. By Andrea Lynn Beck
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xb4KiD7zAic>
- Any picture books that you have or can gain access at the library



Activity:

Listen to the book, Good Morning Canada. You might wish to read along with the words on the page. Just turn the sound off.

At the 2:20 minute mark the video will start at the beginning and begin to use the images in the book to connect to prior knowledge and help with deeper understanding. Watch this and see how much is uncovered.

Now it's your turn. Take a picture book in your house or get them from the library.

Practice reading the book aloud.

Then start at the beginning and use your detective skills to review the images. Talk through what information that gives you to help your understanding. Remember that you know things – this is called “prior knowledge” – a very important comprehension skill.

When you are ready, tell the story to someone else in your family. It might even to your pet or a stuffed animal.

Extension:

If you have access to a video camera on a phone or a tablet, record your story with all your added knowledge.